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SUMMARY.

The Indian National Congress was opened at Calcutta, when 10,000 delegates were present.

The president (Mr. Naoroji) alluded to the Government as economically evil and unconstitutional.

The keynote of his address was self-government for India, and he urged the unity of all Indians to achieve that object.

A racial conflict occurred in Mississippi, 15 persons, mostly negroes, being killed.

Official circles in Berlin are sanguine that the war in South-West Africa will soon be terminated.

An earthquake occurred in Chili, one half of the town of Arica being destroyed.

The Cobden Club reminded the Government that it was pledged to economy, and suggested a reduction of the Estimates of 1907.

The Prime Minister, in reply, referred to "the danger of allowing the wealth brought to our doors by freetrade to be squandered."

Snowstorms and gales occurred in Great Britain on Wednesday.

Several ships were lost, and the rescues of crews were exciting.

A traveller quitting a train at Kharkoff, Russia, dropped a bomb, which killed two passengers, and injured several others.

Mr. Bailey, showman (of Barnum and Bailey), left an estate worth £1,250,000.

The present has been a record year in shipbuilding on the Clyde, where 372 vessels were launched, aggregating 598,000 tons.

Mr. W. O'Brien, M.P., is supporting the candidature for Mid-Cork of Mr. D. D. Sheehan, who has been expelled from the Irish Parliamentary party.

Mr. O'Brien denounces the despotism of the Irish party, and says their control of the Australian funds is the beginning and end of the whole trouble.

He describes them as "wand politicians," shaking the Australian funds over the heads of the Irish representatives to terrify and enslave them.

The mail matter dealt with during the Christmas holidays at the G.P.O. was 50 per cent. more than last year.

On Sunday 750,000 postcards passed through the G.P.O.

The Savings Bank returns reflect the prosperity of the times. The deposits and depositors' balances show large increases.

An unsatisfactory feature of the year's banking returns, however, is the large amount of money uninvested.

Mr. F. A. Booth has been nominated as an independent Labour candidate for the Blayney seat in the State Parliament.

The other candidates in the field are Mr. Withington (Reform) and Mr. Beeby (Labour).

Mr. Crick (as was announced by advertisement in Wednesday's "Herald") does not intend to seek re-election.

New South Wales won the cricket match against Victoria by two wickets and two runs.

The scores were: Victoria, 159 and 339; New South Wales, 313 and 187 for eight wickets.

Armstrong in the second innings of Victoria made 168 not out.

The New South Wales juniors defeated the Victorian juniors by an innings and 250 runs.

The match England v Wellington (N.Z.) ended in a draw. The Wellington team made 148 runs for five wickets in their second innings.

When stumps were drawn they required 105 runs to win, and had five wickets in hand.

The Australasian Farewell Handicap, at the Christchurch Exhibition cycling meeting, resulted as follows:—Farley, 1; Sutherland, 2; Brook, 3.

A number of surf bathers at Manly yesterday were carried out to sea, but were eventually rescued.

At the Boxing Day race meeting at Araluen the horse Eloquence fell, and the jockey, Michael Coman, was fatally injured.

Racing clubs not registered before December 31 under the new law will not be allowed to hold race meetings next year.

The sailing boat Ariel left Brisbane for a seaside resort on Christmas Day, and was wrecked. The crew of seven youths were saved.

John Lynch, a resident of Brisbane, was poisoned by drinking carbolic acid, which he had mistaken for rum.

Mr. Lionel Robinson, of Melbourne and London, has bought 80,000 Mount Morgan shares at 90s, the "deal" representing £360,000.

The Federal Government is paying the Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne, £4000 for water and sewerage rates.

The Federal Government does not admit the right of the board to tax its property, but is paying the money as an act of grace.

Yesterday morning the lascar stokers on the steamer Guthrie at Circular Quay made a combined attack on the second engineer, Martin M'Gillivray.

He was struck with various kinds of instruments, but fought desperately until assistance arrived.

The lascars then rushed for the shore, but were subsequently arrested and brought up at the Water Police Court.

Twelve of them were fined £2 each, but another accused was remanded on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm.

A suspicious fire occurred in a boarding-house in Christchurch (N.Z.), when Thomas Laidlaw was burned to death.

An armed burglar was captured by the Adelaide police with booty which had been stolen from a business establishment.

A bush fire in the Jerilderie district on Wednesday destroyed about 20,000 acres of grass.

It is proposed to start the construction of the first section of the North Coast railway (Maitland to Taree, 110 miles) at both ends.

Arthur Booth, a young man, was gored to death by a bull at Notting Hill, near Melbourne, his body being frightfully mutilated.

During the voyage of the barque Helios from the West Coast to Newcastle she had an extraordinary experience.

Whilst being driven by a furious tempest great waterspouts passed perilously close to her.

Superintendent Webb reports that electric light wires have added enormously to the dangers of firemen, and that they should be insulated.

At the Calcutta Turf Club's meeting the Viceroy's Cup was won by the Australian horse Fitzgrafton.

The Sydney Labour Council last night resolved to become affiliated with the Political Labour League.

The Lord Mayor reported to the City Council last night that he had suspended the superintendent of the municipal power-house.

The council referred the Lord Mayor's report upon the subject to the general purposes committee for investigation.

The police in Perth raided an alleged gaming house, and seized some gaming instruments and £80 in cash.

The estimated wheat yield in Western Australia this season is 3,309,354 bushels, averaging 10.6 bushels per acre.

Strenuous efforts are being made to raise funds to continue the building trades strike in Melbourne.

Morley, the man who was shot in connection with the Tower Hill mine (W.A.) robbery, has made a written confession of guilt.

The slaughtermen on strike at Glebe Island have withdrawn their original demands.

They agreed last night to accept the conference terms which had been approved by the delegates of both parties.

Yesterday morning a large body of police were on duty at Glebe Island as a precaution against disturbances.

Some butchers killed their own meat and non-unionists worked, so that local supplies were not interrupted.

A Syrian woman who was brought before the court at Melbourne charged with being a prohibited immigrant was very ill. The case was remanded.

The petrol-driven ferry boat Motor Gem made a successful voyage from Sydney to Melbourne, averaging 10 knots.

The weather forecast is isolated showers on the coast and Blue Mountains otherwise fine and cool.

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*MARMORA	10,500	G. L. Langborne	Feb. 27
*MOOLTAN	10,000	G. C. Hemming, R.N.	Mar. 13
*MOLDAVIA	10,000	K. Gordon	Mar. 27
*HIMALAYA	6,898	W. L. Bround, R.N.R.	April 10
*VICTORIA	6,522	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R	April 24
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MONGOLIA	10,000	C. F. Preston, R.N.R.	May 20

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			1907.
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*BREMEN	11,570	H. Prager	Mar. 2
*BULOW	8,000	H. Formes	Mar. 23
*YORCK	8,000	—	April 20
*HOHENLOHE	8,000	—	May 18
*GOEBEN	8,000	—	June 15
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AUCKLAND, GISBORNE, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN (Transhipping to Outports.) — ZEALANDIA, WEDNESDAY, January 9, noon. VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, January 23, noon.
From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—WIMMERA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16.
NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION. SPECIALLY REDUCED FARES, as arranged with New Zealand Government.
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ORMUZ	6465	Shelford	Jan. 27	Jan. 29	Jan. 31
ORIENT	5453	Nicholson	Feb. 9	Feb. 12	Feb. 14
††ORONTES	9023	Ruthven	Feb. 20	Feb. 26	Feb. 28
OROTAVA	5851	Jenks	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14
††OPHIR	6814	Coad	Mar. 20	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
††OMRAH	8282	Symons	Apr. 3	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
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MONOWAI, SATURDAY, January 12, at 1 p.m.
NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION. SPECIALLY REDUCED FARES, as arranged with the Government of New Zealand.
TASMANIA.
For HOBART DIRECT—OONAH, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 11 a.m.; January 8, 16, 26; February 7, 15, 25.
From HOBART—January 2, 12, 19; February 2, 12, 19.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—WAKATIPU, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, at 11 a.m., January 16, 30.
From LAUNCESTON—January 9, 23.
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*COMMONWEALTH	6611	H. G. Thomas, R.N.R	Feb. 12
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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and RIVER PORTS to CAIRNS. — COOLGARDIE, 5 p.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY, December 28. BUNINYONG, 12 noon, SATURDAY, January 5. WOLLOWRA, 12 noon, SATURDAY, January 12.
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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE. — *MOIRA (cargo only), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, noon, December 29. ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. *MAREEBA (Cargo only), SATURDAY, noon, January 5.
MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN. — ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 8. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 15.
COOKTOWN, THURSDAY ISLD., NORMANTON, BURKETOWN. — ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
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LOST, on Thursday, yesterday, in city, Letter-box Key and Whistle, on cord. Return Q. V. P.O.

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LOST, H.M. Theatre, Green Silk PARASOL. Reward, Harris, Clifford, Wylde-st, Potts Point.

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HAIRDRESSING.—Wanted, smart LAD, learn trade. W. Angus, Falcon-st, North Sydney.

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PRINTERS.—Expcen Letterpress Feed BOYS wanted. Turner and Henderson, 254 George-st.

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PARENTS, etc.—Apprentice required for Jan 1st., retail pharmacy, manufacturing chemistry, cordials, etc., splendid chance, premium, salary. J. E. HANSEN and CO., Chemists and Drug. (reg.), 3 to 5 Erskine-st.

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TAILORESSES.—Wanted, 12 Coat HANDS, at once. "Eli," Newtown.

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PROFESSIONS, TRADES, ETC.

SHIRE OF WANDOOLA.
APPLICATIONS, accompanied by testimonials, will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 5th January, 1907, from persons duly qualified in accordance with the Local Government (Shires) Act of 1906, for the position of SHIRE ENGINEER, at a salary of £225 per annum.
IVIE J. SLOAN, President.
Council-chambers, Cowra, 24th December, 1906.

TAILOR and TAILORESSES.—Wanted, good Coat Hands, constant employment. W. Gibb, Parkes.

TAILORESSES.—Trous Finishers and Apprentices. A. H. Wright, Wentworth-place, rear 697 Kent-st.

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THREE strong LADS, to stack timber. Geo. Hudson and Son, Ltd., Redfern.

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FOR SALE.

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APPLICATIONS called from duly qualified Medical Practitioners for the Position of MEDICAL OFFICER, Wentworth Hospital. Salary £250 per annum and private practice. Two months' notice on either side to terminate agreement.
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A BRIGHT, HOLIDAY ISSUE.

Acting on the belief that our subscribers are not in the mood at this time of the year for what may be called the severe school of journalism, we have published a bright, popular number of "The Sydney Mail" this week. "Bringing in the Wool" is the title of an opening page picture, which justifies the accompanying verses—

"The waggons groan their troubles . . . .
Where the dusty wool-bales go."

This is followed by "The Japanese Training Ship in Sydney," the pictures including a fine one of the Taisei Maru at anchor. Illawarra people will be interested in a splendid page illustration of The Elbow, on the Mount Kembla Range. "Christmas on a Western Pacific Plantation" in a finely illustrated contribution dealing with a native feast and other jubilations. Other features comprise:—

MINNAMURRA RIVER, between Shellharbour and Kiama.

HOLIDAY SCENES IN SYDNEY: A Series of Street Snapshots.

A COASTAL FISH NURSERY: A Set of Pictures taken at Terrigal, Tuggerah Lakes, and Wyong.

WHERE CHRISTMAS SPORT ABOUNDS: This set occupies the double page, and deals further with the Wyong District, the most notable picture being The Skillion, a bold coastal headland at Terrigal.

MISCELLANEOUS PAGE: The most notable picture on this page is a quaint portrait of John Bale, a well-known Clarence River pioneer.

PORTRAITS: The Mayors and Mayoresses of Lismore and Cooma; Miss Emily Dunn, an elocutionist; and Olga Armstrong, a musical wonder.

CAMPING OUT: The Rio Camp, Middle Harbour; Falls Hut (Hobart); and "On the Wallaby," a photo study.

CROSSING THE BILLABONG: A magnificent page picture, taken at Walla Walla, Riverina.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE DEMAND FOR MUTTON SHEEP.

The strong run on British sheep has meant a few good years to those fortunate enough to get in early and establish studs. During the past three or four seasons importations from New Zealand and Tasmania, and even from Great Britain, have been extensive, and although in some cases long prices have been paid, the investment has almost invariably proved very profitable. The call has been chiefly for Shropshires, but the demand has been growing steadily for the Romney Marsh and the Southdown, while the Lincoln has had a sound revival. In fact, all the leading British breeds have had active inquiry, and the expansion of the market for freezers, with the certainty that as closer settlement spreads sheepkeeping will become more general with the farmers, both in the wheat country and on the coast, must ensure good sales for pure stock for some time ahead. The demand has this year been somewhat ahead of supply, and hence sales of a considerable quantity of indifferent sheep. As is usual when men are making their first venture with a breed, and when profits seem assured, it has not been difficult to pawn off culls at good prices, and about the country one sometimes sees rams of very dubious breeding which have been purchased as pedigreed.

Where second-class, ill-bred stuff is used for crossing, the results will probably be far from satisfactory, and owners who have heard so much about the maturing and fattening qualities of the mutton breeds may be disappointed in their first venture and turn back to their old friends, the merinos. It says much for the British breeds that they have made progress at a period when merinos are at their high-water mark of prosperity. When the country stocks up again and values fall, as they undoubtedly will, the assured export sales of the crossbred lambs should give fresh impetus to the long-wools and black-faces. It is well, therefore, that the country should establish its mutton sheep industry on the best possible basis. Lamb-rearing for market is in a sense a delicate business. Men who follow it successfully look to get their lambs early, and to hurry them to the required weights before the spring feed is past its flush, and thus free the paddocks before any pinch comes. To do this they want no uncertainty about the quality of their stock. If they strike indifferent sheep, and the growing takes a month longer than it should, they perhaps experience the difference between success and failure. Feed goes off before the lambs reach the necessary weight, and have either to be sold comparatively cheap, or held at a big handicap to the rest of the flock, and probably at considerable risk. Buyers should insist on getting pedigreed stock about which there is no doubt, even if they pay a couple of guineas a head more for it.

NEED FOR EXPERIMENTS WITH GRASSES.

With our uncertain seasons the question of establishing permanent pastures has been the most difficult problem stockowners have been called upon to solve. And no one can say that anything like a satisfactory solution has been found. No matter how good the rainfall might be over the greater part of the year, there inevitably occur dry spells during which the stock suffer more or less from insufficient feed. Of late years the frequency of these spasmodic droughts has been as much felt on the coastal areas as on the western side of the Dividing Range. Along the seaboard no grass has yet been discovered which will withstand more than a couple of months in which there has been no rain. Paspalum has proved itself one of the best grasses both during periods of high rainfalls and of low, and it is largely due to the hardiness of this plant that the dairying industry has made such rapid and wide expansion north of the Hunter. Delicate English grasses have been exhaustively tested in most of our agricultural country, and with the exception of a few districts where the summer temperature is uniformly low, and where there is an abundance of moisture, it cannot be said that their introduction has been wholly successful. Some of the clovers have been the exception, but as for rye, cocksfoot, fescues, and even prairie grasses, which the farmers are continually being exhorted to try, it is doubtful whether the money spent in seed and in the preparation of the land for its reception has often been returned. The plants lack endurance. They respond quickly under favourable conditions, and in a drooping spring make choicer pastures than some of the coarser indigenous sorts. But they appear to lack the same vigorous root system, and are the first to wilt under the hot winds of summer. Even on the North Coast, where anything under 40 inches is considered meagre, they have not always given results commensurate with the trouble and expense incurred in establishing them. The paddocks require careful nursing, and do not, except for a few short weeks, carry the number of stock.

The necessity for introducing English grasses has, however, been urged upon every settler on the land, strangely regardless of climatic difficulties, and it is no wonder attention has been mainly directed towards their establishment to the exclusion of experimental work with varieties whose habitat is in countries where the natural conditions are much the same as those we experience, and to the exclusion, too, of attempts to improve our own indigenous varieties. The latter work, perhaps, goes too far into the domain of scientific experimentation to permit of the majority of farmers undertaking, should they have either the inclination or the leisure at their disposal, but the same objection cannot be raised against the former suggestion. On some of the Queensland experimental stations hardier grasses are being tested, and some of our own farmers are giving the subject attention. There is no reason why seeds or plants of likely varieties should not be given a trial under natural conditions on the farm.

ITEMS.

The "Summer School," which teachers connected with the Public schools of New South Wales can attend and receive elementary instruction in agricultural science, will open at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College on Wednesday next. More than 300 applications were received from teachers who wished to attend, but this number could not be accommodated, and a selection had to be made. Only 100 will therefore go into the college. The classes will extend over three weeks. The last "school" yielded excellent results in that teachers were able to give instruction to their pupils on agricultural science much better than before, and as Nature study is becoming a recognised part of the unofficial school curriculum good results are anticipated from the school to be held this season.

Several people have planted the Carob-bean tree in the dry areas under the belief that the fruit will be of use for feeding stock. They have, however, been disappointed, as the trees, though they have yielded excellent blossoms, have not fruited—the beans have not set. This is owing to the flowers being unisexual, and the failures have been because the trees have all been of the one sex. Those who have trees of this description might send in the proper season a cutting to the Government Nursery at Gosford or to the Botanic Gardens in Sydney, and receive instruction as to whether their trees are of the female or male variety. No doubt, also, cuttings could be obtained of the sex required, and these could be grafted on a branch of the existing trees. In a year or two they would come to maturity, and then there would be no failure while the trees last.

A circular has been received from the Ramie Growing Association, which has its headquarters in Staines, England. The objects of the association are, first, to disseminate information concerning this plant, and, secondly, to foster its growth throughout the Empire. The circular extols the merits of the fibre. It is pointed out that it is exceedingly tough and wear-resisting, that it will do equally well for the making of clothing or rope, and that for either use it is far preferable to flax, hemp, or jute. The price at present is £37 per ton. The fibre can be produced profitably at £10 per ton. One thing, however, the circular says which is counter to all preconceived notions on the subject: "There is probably no other crop so easy to grow, and no other produce so easy to prepare for the market, as ramie." The real reason why ramie has not been in general cultivation long ago is the difficulty of separating the fibre from its matrix, and the want of machinery which will do this. It is exceedingly stubborn in this respect, and the quotation given above is therefore to some extent misleading, because the preparation for market is a troublesome operation.

Mr. H. Beauchamp, a Wellington (N.Z.) merchant, who has recently visited the home country, says that the coming season will see a brisk demand in England for New Zealand dairy produce, but he is not so sure about frozen meat and mutton. Very large shipments are expected from both Argentina and Australia. One leading merchant stated to Mr. Beauchamp that New Zealand was not by any means living up to its early reputation. Owing to a deterioration in quality during recent times, many buyers had abandoned New Zealand mutton. Excessive exportation of the best lambs was advanced as a reason for a falling-off in quality. Canterbury sheep used to head other brands by ⅛d and even ¼d per lb., but there has been a large falling-off. On the other hand, the Argentine article is improving in quality to such an extent that that country now almost controls the market prices for frozen mutton. The same firm holds the opinion that the selling forward (c.i.f.) business has done incalculable harm to the trade, as the grading has been chiefly for weight, without special regard to quality. Both New Zealand and Australia have a strong competitor to reckon with in the Argentine, whose progress, strange to say, is mainly due to British capital.

An attempt is to be made in South Australia during the coming grape season to test the New Zealand market with a two-ton consignment of grapes. A guarantee must be given that the fruit is from clean vines. The selecting, packing, and forwarding will be carried out by the State viticulturist, Mr. G. Quinn. Several varieties of grapes will be included in the shipment, but it will be principally made up from the muscatel, Gordo Blanco. The fruit will be placed in the main corridor of the exhibition, and retailed at a price not exceeding 6d per lb. Negotiations are now proceeding for the delivery of other consignments in the various cities of New Zealand about the same time, if the sanction of the Government can be obtained. The Exhibition Commissioner for South Australia takes it that the shipment already ordered is merely a preliminary to the abolition of the prohibitive restriction at present imposed upon the admission of South Australian grapes into New Zealand.

The Tasmanian potato, the Gem of the South, to which considerable attention has been attracted, has been introduced at the New Zealand experimental stations. The tuber is the result of several years' work by an investigator. It is claimed that the new variety has given a record yield, and that as much as 43 tons to the acre have been gathered, the ratio of crops to the seed planted being 70 to 1.

Many experiments are being made and many inventions tried in the older countries of the world for the purpose of improving the yields of wheat. In those countries one of the chief wants in manure is a plentiful supply of nitrogen. In Australia, on the contrary, especially in the drier parts, there is already a good percentage of nitrogen in the ground. But nitrogen-making experiments have nevertheless an interest for us, because we are approaching the time when we shall have to apply it to the soil. In Norway there is a factory in which, by the aid of electricity, nitrogen is collected from the atmosphere, and fixed in lime. This nitrate of lime is sold to the farmers, and it is stated that it can be produced cheaply enough to enable the makers to undersell the Chili nitrate companies, who have, by a combination limiting the output, forced up the price in Europe from a little over 7s per ton to 10s 3d in four years.

The Indian Government is now making experiments, with a view to obtaining artificial nitrate of lime. It is proposed to utilise the superabundant power of the Kashmir hydro electric installation to manufacture nitrate of lime in the Kashmir hills. These hills consist in many places almost entirely of limestone.

Meanwhile, however, a couple of Frenchmen have evolved a new process. They take common peat from the bogs, treat it with water containing a weak solution of ammonia, then introduce nitrifying bacteria, and allow them to breed, if such a term can be used with regard to bacteria. Liquid is then passed again and again through the peat, washing out the bacteria, and results show that water which on its first passage through the peat contained 8.2 grams per litre, after being passed through five times, contained 41.7 grams per litre. The volume of water is reduced by evaporation before the product is placed on the market.

Only a few days ago we published a short statement showing that good results were obtained in an experiment carried out in South Australia of growing wheat by the aid of electricity. It was only done as a pastime by an electrical enthusiast, but the results pleased him. From England comes a report of a similar experiment. At the recent bakers' conference in London, bread made from flour derived from wheat so grown was exhibited. The grains of the wheat were remarkably large and well flavoured, and it was said that the cost of treatment was more than repaid by the increased yield and quality of the grain.

The system pursued was to run thick cables at a height of 15ft from the ground across the top and bottom of a 15-acre field. Stretched lengthwise between the two, and about 12ft apart, were smaller cables. The end cables were charged with electricity, and the transverse ones received it from them, consequently the whole field was covered, and the electricity was taken up by the plants. The yield was 30 to 40 per cent. larger than usual, the crop ripened earlier, and the strength of the wheat was such that it was not necessary to mix it with stronger wheats during milling.

THE SAFFRON AND STAR THISTLES.

Mr. James Sloane, of Mulwala station, writes:—It is quite time that all landowners whose land is not already overrun with the saffron and star thistles took steps to clear these pernicious weeds off their country. They can be kept down if tackled in time, with but little work and at a small cost. I have recently been through a considerable part of the Central division, and everywhere the saffron thistle is spreading rapidly, but mostly on land that has been cultivated. I have had experience with the saffron thistle, which was at first allowed to spread on this station because it was not known that it could be so easily coped with. When it was discovered that the seed had but little power of scattering it was tackled seriously, and every plant that could be found destroyed. It is now hard to find one on Mulwala. Cutting close to the ground after the buds are formed kills this thistle. If the flowers have opened the plant must be destroyed and not allowed to dry on the ground. We usually throw them into water. Heaping and leaving to burn will not do. The landowner who knows that this thistle can be easily kept down has himself to blame if it overruns his country. Some say it will die out in time. It may, but I have known some thick patches for sixteen years where it is still growing strongly. I do not know much of the star thistle, but as its habit seems similar to those of the saffron it will no doubt yield to the same treatment. Perhaps someone who has dealt with it will enlighten us. Our results in destroying the saffron thistle are not alone in this district.

YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

Beginning of a New Season's Campaign—Prices for Wool, Tops, and Yarns—Large Future Sales of Tops—A Big Demand—Will Prices be Maintained?

BRADFORD, Nov. 23.

What the manufacturing world would do without crossbred wools is better imagined than expressed, for by this time of the day the art of using them as perfectly as merinos has been discovered. There was a time when positive fear was expressed at the large and growing increase of crossbred wools, manufacturers feeling that the day was not far distant when the fleece of mutton sheep seemed likely to inundate every market. That was the time of surpluses, and when coarse crossbreds got down to the price of cotton! It is really surprising how soon men get to be terror-stricken and alarmed, and no doubt at one time it was a serious question to know what to do with the large available quantities of crossbred wools. We are just now entering upon a new season, when the clips of New Zealand and the River Plate are being marketed. Naturally both growers and users alike are looking upon the scene with considerable interest, the recent turn of events being quite sufficient to exercise the mind of the entire trade very seriously indeed. The recent attempt to "bear" prices in the hope of precipitating values in New Zealand and Buenos Ayres may be taken as the temper of the majority in the trade, but circumstances having gone clean against those who were thus operating has compelled them to retire. For the time being crossbred wools are on a different plane altogether to what they were a very short time back, and it now remains to be seen what the future has in store. There seems now a much brighter future before the article than there did a good fortnight ago, but we are not yet out of the wood, hence the wisdom of not beating the drum too hard. I do not think it is too much to say that crossbreds have now taken on a new lease of life, at least so far as the next few months are concerned. There are those who say that the recent events are nothing more than a mere flash in the pan, and that before the end of the year there will be a vast change. Those who talk like that seem to me to be reckoning without their host, and I fancy that the weight of business done assures a full maintenance of current values, simply because consumption is certain to continue large.

PRESENT AND PAST PRICES COMPARED.

Let us for a few moments take stock and see where we stand. This is a most opportune time to carry out that operation, for as yet no "new clip" crossbred wools have arrived. As everyone knows, since the close of the last series of London sales prices have undergone a sharp decline, followed by an equally sharp advance. Everything points to current values being fully maintained, and perhaps a further slight improvement awaits us at no distant date. However, we will do no more than simply take our standards before the November series of London wool sales open, and the following table is highly instructive as showing the course of values in the middle of November for leading descriptions of crossbreds during recent years:—

NEW ZEALAND CROSSBRED WOOLS.

	Half-bred, 50's-56's, per lb. d	Cross-bred, 46's, per lb. d	Cross-bred, 40's, per lb. d	Cross-bred, 36's, per lb. d
Nov., 1906 ...	15½-16 ..	14-15 ..	12½-13 ..	12-12½
Nov., 1905 ...	14½-15½ ..	12½-13½ ..	12-13 ..	11½-12
Nov., 1904 ...	13½-14 ..	12-12½ ..	11½-12½ ..	11-12
Nov., 1903 ...	11½-12½ ..	9½-10 ..	7½-8 ..	7-7½
Nov., 1902 ...	11-11½ ..	8½-9 ..	6½-7½ ..	5½-6
Nov., 1901 ...	8-9 ..	4½-4½ ..	4-4½ ..	3½-4½
Nov., 1900 ...	8-9 ..	7-7½ ..	6½-7½ ..	6-6½

The most important item to be noticed above is that in November, 1901, coarse crossbred wools touched the lowest point ever known, and in that series I remember seeing magnificent grown coarse fleece selling at 4d per lb. Such wool to-day is worth a good shilling, and appears likely to be. It does not seem as if the trade had yet reached a time of cheap wool, and from the strong inquiry there is for good combing crossbreds, current prices seem for some time to come fully assured. Values, no doubt, are at a different figure to what they were in 1901, but it must not be forgotten that other conditions have changed equally as much, and it is these factors which seem likely to hold away during the next few months.

TOPS AND YARNS.

The past fortnight has given us as much variety and change in wool politics as I have ever seen, and growers especially will benefit by what has transpired. Crossbreds have been the qualities which have shared most in the upward movement, and I don't think I can do better than give a table showing what price good standard tops were worth when the September-October series finished, how far they fell, and what are current quotations to-day:—

	Oct. 4. d. d.	Nov. 8. (Lowest) d. d.	Nov. 23. d. d.
70's tops	27½-27¾ ..	27 -27½ ..	27 -27½
64's tops	26½-26¾ ..	26½-27 ..	26½-27
60's tops, super	25½-26 ..	25½-26 ..	26 -26½
60's tops, ordny.	24½-25 ..	24½-25 ..	25 -25½
56's tops	23 -23½ ..	22½-23 ..	23 -23½
50's tops	21 -21½ ..	19½-20 ..	21 -21½
46's tops	17½-18 ..	16 -17 ..	17 -18
40's tops	17 -17½ ..	15 -15½ ..	17 -17½
36's tops	16 -16½ ..	14 -15 ..	16 -16½

All the flutter, as will be seen, has been in coarse crossbreds, simply because a dead set had been purposely made against these wools. Recovery has been so sharp that it now seems as if the market has got a thorough awakening, and even "bears" are now able to appreciate the situation. In the table below I show the course of yarns when prices were at the bottom, and what are quotations to-day:—

Count.	Price on Nov. 8. s d		s d	Price on Nov. 3. s d		s d
2 32's	1 8½	to	1 8½ ..	1 9½	to	1 10
2/40's	1 11	to	2 0 ..	2 0½	to	2 2
2 44's	2 3½	to	2 6 ..	2 4	to	2 6½
2 48's	2 7	to	2 9 ..	2 7½	to	2 9½
2/50's	2 8	to	2 10 ..	2 8½	to	2 10½
2 52's	2 9	to	2 11 ..	2 9½	to	2 11½
2/54's	2 10½	to	3 1 ..	2 11	to	3 1½
2 56's	2 11	to	3 2 ..	2 11½	to	3 [illegible]
2 60's	3 0	to	3 3 ..	3 0½	to	3 3½

A MILK STRIKE.

"Milk Oh" writes:—I see that the South Coast milk suppliers intend to stop supplying the Sydney distributing companies if the price of milk is not increased to 7d per gallon. I think it is a very low price to ask. I do not know of any other food supply wherein its retailers get such an enormous profit as they do. The butcher has bone, trimmings, and other losses to contend with, and only gets one-fourth to one-fifth profit. The butter merchant has two-fourteenths profit; why should the milk companies want nearly two-thirds? The dairyman does not get anywhere near the same profit. He has to pay as high a wage to his men as the company has to its carters, and it can get first-class carters any hour of the day. A dairyman may go months before he can get a first-class milker. Who gets the difference between the 6d per gallon to the farmer (who has to pay rent, wages, feed, stock fees, and has to keep his premises up to the requirements of the Board of Health) and the 1s 4d per gallon that the public have to pay?

WHAT IS NARRAN?

Mr. J. H. Maiden, Director of the Botanic Garden, writes:—On August 25 last Mr. Favenc had an interesting article on "Scrub" in the "Herald," in which the following passage occurs:—"Other trees of the same species (genus), the narran, etc., seldom grow so dense or close as to be impenetrable to a rider." He had been referring to myall, so that narran is a wattle. I wrote to Mr. Favenc, and, following up clues that he gave, wrote to certain people, and they sent me twigs of yarran (Acacia homalophylla). I also wrote to a Queensland friend, but without result.

Now, I have occasionally, though very rarely, heard the name narran used both in New South Wales and Queensland, but my efforts to trace this wattle have never met with success. I venture to ask your readers if they can send me a six-inch twig of narran, otherwise I must begin a second twenty years' search after this botanical "will o' the wisp."

OUR VENOMOUS REPTILES.

Mr. James S. Bray writes:—Once more there seems to have set in a wave of contempt for some of our venomous reptiles that hitherto have been classed as possessing death-dealing properties in their venom, and more particularly has the black snake (Pseudechis porphyriacus) been mentioned. So long ago as 20 years a member of the then sitting Medical Congress in Sydney gave forth, in the report as it appeared in the "S.M. Herald" at the time, that "if anyone was bitten by any of our venomous reptiles, and the person so bitten put aside fear, etc, no evil effects would follow." I offered the next day in the columns of the "S.M. Herald" the use of a large number of venomous reptiles I had on hand to demonstrate this belief, but nothing came of it. At the present time, and for quite a week or two forward from now, most of our people will be in more or less contact with venomous snakes by reason of holiday-making in places where snakes abound. I counsel everyone to beware of the four reptiles they are likely to come across at this time of the year, viz., the tiger, brown, black, and death adder. It is very true that the black snake rarely brings about death to human beings; but the simple and only reason lies not in the direction that its venom is not powerful enough to bring about the death of a human being, but in the fact that of the five venomous snakes, which include the copperhead or broad-scaled snake, generally accepted as possessing death-dealing properties in their venom, the black snake has the smallest fangs, and therefore cannot as readily fasten on to its victim as any of the others, the death adder and the tiger having the largest fangs.

WOOL WEIGHTS IN WET SEASONS

"Woolgrower" writes:—I was somewhat surprised to see Mr. J. S. Horsfall's caustic remarks under the above heading in your issue of December 25. He says: "The writer goes away from the question in order to make some incorrect and uncalled for references to the Widgiewa wool." This is untrue. It had been stated in the "Herald" that the usual allowance for buyers to make for "moisture in wool" was 3 per cent., but this season, on account of the rains, the moisture was quite 6 per cent. I showed that my experience was that during cool wet shearings, the sheep cut less weight, and that, as the wool did not handle so well, we lost in the price also. I felt that the wool buyers were punishing our wool growers too heavily, as instead of gaining 3 per cent. in weight over the usual thing in the moisture, as had been stated, we were actually losing, as the sheep were cutting much less weight. My opinion has been confirmed in the now certainty of a much less aggregate clip than was estimated for this State, although more sheep will be shorn.

Now, about my getting "away from the question, etc." One must take some wools for comparison. Seeing it stated in the "Herald" cablegrams that Widgiewa wool was sold in London at 12¾d, I took the liberty of naming that price as the average of the fleece. On Mr. Horsfall's own acknowledgment it was 12.83d; being nearer 12¾d than the 13d, he mentions it "close up to." Mr. Horsfall says that my assertion that similar wool to the Widgiewa is valued in Sydney at an average of only 9½d per lb, leaving say 9d per lb net, "is unjustifiable"; and adds, that "the Widgiewa wool sold at the opening sale in London last month at up to 14½d per lb." Just so, right into my hands! The "similar wool" that I referred to, sold earlier in the year in London up to 14d per lb. I was not writing for the "gallery," I was dealing with what concerns woolgrowers, the average, as stated in my letter. If woolgrowers want confirmation of the correctness of my letter, that for medium to good wools the Sydney market was not equal to London equivalents, let them read the reports of the sales made since my letter appeared in the "Herald" on the 12th inst.

The most amusing part of Mr. Horsfall's letter is where he says, my "figures and statistics are misleading, and will not bear investigation." And he adds: "The extra expenses incurred by shipment are not, as your correspondent states, 1½d per lb, the difference in cost between realising in London and in Sydney being one half that rate. . . ." I did not say any such thing. What I did say was: "Widgiewa fleece wool averaged 12¾d in London the other day. Similar wool in Sydney is valued at an average of only 9½d, leaving say, 9d net. Widgiewa to average 12¾d, deduct 1½d expenses, would leave 11¼d net. . . ." Surely that is plain English, and shows clearly that it costs say ½d per lb to sell in Sydney, and 1½d per lb to sell in London. Therefore the difference would be 1d per lb, and not 1½d, as Mr. Horsfall asserts I stated.

CROPS.

INVERELL.—The recent rain has done an immense amount of good to the corn crops and grass, but some damage to the ripe wheat.

SHEARING.

COOMA.—At Murranumbla station four shearers averaged 204 sheep each for one day with machines. Nearly all the large sheds have cut out.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

INVERELL.—The Tenterfield, Guyra, and Armidale P. and A. societies have withdrawn from the agreement entered into by delegates to the conference held at Glen Innes that a combined exhibit be sent to the N.R.A. Show at Easter. As only Glen Innes and Inverell now remain, it is probable that the matter will be abandoned this season.

KIAMA.—For some months the district has suffered considerably for want of rain. In many parts the soil was too hard and dry to plough, and in places where it was possible to plough and sow there was not moisture enough to make the seed germinate. Early crops which made a start before the dry weather set in have made little headway latterly. The pastures are very dry and short, but splendid rains (76 points), which fell on Monday will improve matters.

MOLONG.—Between 11.30 p.m. on Sunday and noon of Monday, 278 points fell in Molong. Over three inches were registered Cumnock way, and about four inches at Boree. No damage is reported in connection with the crops, but a great deal of good will have been accomplished as the result of this unexpected downpour.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

WAGGA.—1352 merino ewes, W. Hawley, Bringagee to Merrule; 1700 crossbred ewes, W. J. M'Carthy, Gobbagumbalin to Hill Plain, Deniliquin, via Lockhart; 1900 fat wethers, ewes, and lambs, Thos. A. Field, Wagingoberembie to Flemington, via Rock; 2168 wethers, Book Book to Tongee Plain, via Junee, Temora, and Wyalong; 1700 sheep, A. S. Triggs, Kyeamba to Yass, via Gundagai; 4400 ewes and lambs, Rial Bros., Berembed to Four-mile, via Wagga; 860 mixed stud merino weaners, executors of the late A. Booth, Gobbagumbalin to Longworth, via Bomen, to Narrabri, by rail; 6456 sheep, H. H. Cheriton, Gobbagumbalin to Mossgiel, via Narrandera and Hay; 1800 ewes, E. and W. Naughton, Gregadoo to Albury, by rail; 3140 sheep, A. B. Triggs, Pomingalarna to Mountain Creek, Germanton, via Morven; 2000 fat wethers, G. H. Field, Wagingoberembie to Flemington, via Rock, by road and rail; 4000 ewes, W. J. Maguire, Berthong to Seymour, Victoria, via Wagga, to Cookardinia; 2122 mixed sheep, A. G. Galvin, Ivor to Oberne, via Old Junee; 7100 sheep, P. Heffernan, Kinross to Bygaloree, via Wagga; 1700 ewes and lambs, Geo. Wells, Connorton to Albury, via Urangquinty; 5120 wethers, Robert Craig, Brookong to Collarendabri, via Young; 3254 ewes and rams, H. J. M'Innes, Millbank to Dunmore, via Narrandera; 2133 lambs, M. and A. Bolger, Clear Hills to Fonting, via Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen; 4000 mixed sheep, W. J. Maguire, Mount View to Victoria, via Temora, Wagga, and Albury; 7051 merino wethers, Haynes and Hain, Deepwater to Bean Bah, Coonamble, via Old Junee; 2000 wethers, W. Kiddle, Big Springs to Walbundrie; 1900 sheep, Big Springs to Walbundrie, via Cookardinia and Culcairn; 1600 sheep, Fell and Hogan, Big Springs to Hawksview, via Germanton and Bowna; 6757 ewes, executors late A. Booth, Gobbagumbalin to Kenya Estate, via Old Junee; 1000 merino ewes, H. Phillips, Gobbagumbalin to Geraldgambeth, via Junee; 2866 sheep, R. A. Whitehead, Gobbagumbalin to Westbrook, via Wagga and Tarcutta; 2507 sheep, E. and W. Naughton, Gregadoo to Albury, via Germanton; 2084 crossbred ewes and rams, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Borambola to Yarrara; 1811 sheep, E. Cusack, Kingsleigh to Albury, via Morven; 2080 merino ewes, H. W. Staughton, Mittagong to Dellapool, Narrandera; 5000 wethers, A. B. Triggs, Egan Creek to Mountain Creek, Germanton; 267 bullocks, London Bank, West Blowering, to Barellan, via Wagga, N. Murphy in charge; 9000 sheep, Sir Samuel M'Caughey, Gobbagumbalin to Oakhurst; 2000 comeback ewes, Fell and Hogan, Gregadoo to Glenleigh, Bowna.

COMMON COMPLAINTS AND SIMPLE REMEDIES.

Dr. Samuel T. Knaggs, widely known in this State as a physician and surgeon of high standing, has collected in "Common Complains and Simple Remedies, with plain instructions for the use of the Universal Household Medical Cabinet" (Anthony Hordern and Sons), a number of valuable directions for use in emergencies. Naturally enough, there is no attempt made here to interfere with the functions or duties of the medical profession. We all know that there are occasions upon which medical advice is not immediately obtainable and some of us know to our undying regret that the knowledge of simple expedients and the ability to employ them properly would have saved loved lives. It is this knowledge, with instructions for treatment pending the arrival of a medical man, which Dr. Knaggs imparts in this little book. In sparsely populated districts, where every man, and more especially every woman, must be the medical adviser of the family, "Common Complaints and Simple Remedies" will be a highly valued help in time of trouble. Dr. Knaggs advises people to thoroughly master all the details of what is to be done in certain emergencies, so that valuable time may not be lost. Possibly this may be regarded as a counsel of perfection, seeing that unlearned laymen may be apt to confound one treatment with another. But the little book might be easily kept in an accessible place, and when an emergency arises it might be consulted at once. How suddenly these emergencies may arise is well known to parents, especially to mothers. Take, for instance, the case of croup or of convulsions. Half the battle may be won—that is to say, the best part of the battle—if those in charge of the patient know exactly what to do pending the arrival of the medical man. Dr. Knaggs's little book gives the necessary information in few and concise words. And what it does in regard to the maladies just mentioned it does also in regard to other maladies and accidents. In every respect it is a publication of great value and merit, which deserves a large circulation.

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AUSTRALIANS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Nov. 23.

Last evening Mrs. Henry Schwann (nee Miss Huddart) entertained the members of the Alliance Franco-Britannique Litteraire Scientifique et Artistique at the Grafton Galleries. The guest of the evening was Mons. Achille Segard, who gave a conference in French. This society was initiated in London under the aegis of the Alliance Francaise by Mdlle. Irma Dreyfus, who is well known in Australia, and it is doing good work in drawing the literary and artistic sections of both nations together. Among Australians present were Mrs. and Miss Baynton, Mrs. and Miss Isaacs, Mrs. Pharazyon, Mr. Lander, Miss Selvwright, Mrs. Johnston, Sir John Cockburn, etc.

Mrs. Willis (wife of Mr. Arthur Willis, general manager of the Union Bank of Australia in London), gave an "at home" last Friday at her residence in Lexham Gardens to bid farewell to Mr. Percy, of the Western Australian branch of the same bank, Mrs. Percy, and their daughters, who left this week for Switzerland after upwards of a year's sojourn in England. Notwithstanding very unpleasant weather, there was a very large gathering of Australians, among them being Mrs. Gerard Smith and Mrs. Bray, daughters of Sir Alexander and Lady Onslow, Lady Wittenoom, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Fordyce, Mrs. and Miss Boswell Read, Mrs. Helbert, Misses Theo. and Madge Cowan, Mrs. Ledingham and Miss Mason, Mrs. Walter James, Mrs. Pym, Mrs. and Miss Stone, Mrs. and Miss Lilly, Miss Finlayson, and Miss Myra Browne, etc. Mr. Percy and his eldest daughter intend sailing for Perth in January next. Mrs. Percy and the rest of the family will remain for some time longer on the Continent.

The Australian Circle of the Lyceum Club gave an afternoon reception last Saturday to meet Madame Ada Crossley. The company assembled in the spacious dining-room, and were received by Miss Baillie-Hamilton (hon. secretary), Mrs. Schwann, and Mrs. Forbes. The excellent musical programme was contributed to by Miss Amy Castles, Miss Bessie Griffiths, and Mr. Percy Grainger. Among the company were Mrs. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis, Madame Vandeveer Green, Mrs. Alfred Ibbotson, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. and Miss Baynton, Mrs. and Miss Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell-Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Lady Wittenoom, Mrs. Walter James, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roberts, Miss Myra Browne, and Madame Emily Soldene, who was receiving many congratulations on her recent complimentary and very successful benefit at the Palace Theatre.

The marriage of Madame Melba's son, Mr. George Armstrong, with Miss Ruby Otway is fixed to take place on Tuesday, December 18, at St. George's, Hanover-square. There are to be eight bridesmaids, among them the bride's cousin, Miss Aylisse, and the Misses Margaret Pyle, Julie Myres, Phylis Barclay, and Valerie Clinndale. Their dresses are to be of white panne, with pastel grey hats trimmed with pink roses. Mr. Jack Armstrong, cousin of the bridegroom, is to act as best man. After the wedding Mrs. Otway will hold a reception at her flat, 7 Park-lane, which she has rented from Mrs. Norman Shelley. Mr. Armstrong and Miss Otway met at a garden party last summer. The mother of the latter at first objected to so speedy a marriage on account of the youth of both, the bridegroom being only 21 and the bride 19 years of age. However, the opposition has been withdrawn, and as Madame Melba has settled £1500 a year on her son and the bride is also well dowered, the young couple will start well provided with this world's goods. For awhile Mr. Armstrong was ranching in Texas, but now he is settling down he is developing political ambitions, and will when opportunity offers become a candidate for Parliamentary honours.

The Portrait Painters' Society has accepted two of Miss Bessie Norris's miniature portraits. They are now on exhibition at the new gallery in Regent-street.

Mr. Gervase Elwes and Mr. Percy Grainger gave a song and pianoforte recital last week at the Aeolian Hall, Bond-street. Striking features of the programme were the five Lincolnshire folk songs recently collected by Mr. Grainger, who also arranged and played the accompaniments. The series, consisting of "The Briggs Fair," "Six Dukes went a-fishin'," "The White Hare," "The Sprig of Thyme," and "The Gipsy's Wedding-day," varying in character through quaint, gay, sad, and very tuneful, were delightfully interpreted by Mr. Elwes for the first time in London. The audience listened with wrapt attention, and enthusiastically testified their appreciation. Mr. Grainger having used the gramophone in recording the music, had been able to obtain all the delicate lights and shades of these songs of the people, which it has been difficult to transcribe before. Mr. Grainger's performances on the piano included numbers by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, and his (Mr. Grainger's) friend Cyril Scott, and, as always, elicited great applause from the audience and praise from the London press.

Last Monday the Misses Beatrice and Bessie Griffiths gave a recital at the Aeolian Hall, pianoforte and 'cello respectively. The "Morning Post" said Miss Beatrice Griffiths' technique must have been the envy of musicians present. High praise, indeed! Her interpretations of Brahms, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Tchaikowsky, and Kowalski (of whom she was a pupil) were charming. The latter composer will be well remembered in Sydney. Miss Bessie Griffiths on the 'cello has a delicate and sympathetic touch, and was equally successful in her renderings of Valentine, Rubinstein, Saint Saens, and De Munck. Both ladies were the recipients of bouquets, baskets of flowers, and floral devices galore, which must have taken a cab to themselves to convey away.

The following evening another New South Wales artist, Miss Elyda Russell, gave a song recital at the Bechstein Hall. She also received extremely good notices in the leading daily papers, great credit being given to her intelligence in the interpretation of her French and Scandinavian groups of songs, and also for her courage in not hesitating to sacrifice sound for sense when occasion demands. Miss Russell's voice is a full mezzo soprano, and she sings in many languages. She has recently been touring in Sweden and Denmark. In the former country she was the recipient of much kindness from H.R.H. the Princess Gustavus Adolphus (Princess Margaret of Connaught), who was much interested in the singer from far Australia.

The Austral Club continues to give its weekly musical "At Homes" at the club-rooms in Dover-street. Last week Miss Maud Meldrum arranged the programme, and herself delighted the members with her solos on the violin, as did Mr. Richard Nitschki (of Adelaide) with his songs. Last Tuesday the programme was undertaken by Mr. Francis Bohr, the well-known song composer, and son-in-law of Mrs. Perceval Johnston, of New Zealand.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

At a competition yesterday, 10 shots at 500 and 600 yards, the chief scores were:—G. Moore (15 handicap), E. Lambert, (12), 87; W. James (5), A. Blackshaw (15), C. Taylor (11), R. Scale (10), 85; W. Phillips, (8), 84; F. Sherring (12), Captain Wright (20), 80; H. Wright (1), 78.

PORTLAND, Thursday.

A rifle match was shot off between the Wallerawang and Portland clubs. The conditions were seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards, for beginners. The match resulted in a win for Portland, by 40 points.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The Windsor R.C. held its last competition of the year and quarter (for quarterly prizes) yesterday, the conditions being seven shots at 800 and 900 yards. The highest scorers were:—C. F. Mortley, 62; Waters, 57; Ross and Cross, 55; Moses, 53.

As a result of the quarter's shooting for prizes, the conditions of which were the best four scores at 500 and 600 yards and the best two at 800 and 900 yards to count, the following were the winners:—Moses, 361; Waters, 356; Cross, 348; C. Ward, 346; Ezzy, 340; C. Mortley, 338; Ross, 335; Gray, 334.

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A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

SAVINGS BANK RETURNS.

It is a commonplace that all classes of the community have shared in the State's general prosperity, which has come about mainly through the bounteous seasons; and for proof it is necessary only to look into the returns of the Savings Banks, where lie the sums which the working people have been able to store up during the year. Both the Government Savings Bank and the Savings Bank of New South Wales have had an excellent year. The volume of business has been large, and the improvement which set in at the commencement of the year has been maintained throughout. The deposits and depositors have increased, and fewer accounts have been closed. The only halt in the line of progress appears to lie in the matter of investments, and from opinions expressed in business circles it would seem that large sums are lying idle. One banker of some repute blamed the legislative uncertainty for the timidity of investors. He put it in this way:—"Why is more investment not going on with all the money that is lying in deposit? The reason is not far to seek. The state of Federal politics by no means inspires confidence, and while the want of confidence lasts large sums will continue to be locked up. There may be no immediate danger of the Labour party disorganising the social system, and bringing about chaos, but the thin edge of the wedge is in, and if people don't awaken to their interests topsy-turveydom may result. Then when the damage is done, and the bitter lesson is learnt, there will be an appeal to private enterprise to set matters right again. The Labour party has appealed to the prejudices of the unthinking masses instead of to their common-sense, and is leading them on blindfolded to destruction. If, instead of pursuing their present policy of 'levelling down,' they set about trying to 'level up,' there would be better prospects, more money would be circulated and invested, and the wealth of the States and the Commonwealth would become substantial."

The Savings Bank of New South Wales has benefited by the general buoyancy throughout the State, and the returns are considered to be very satisfactory. So far as the withdrawals during Christmas week are concerned the business appears to be normal. Last year the Christmas withdrawals amounted to about £28,000; this year the figures are £30,000. But it is in the depositors' balances that room for congratulation lies. From January 1 of this year to December 14 the increase works out at £222,640, after allowing for interest on accounts. It is arrived at thus: The balance on January 1 stood at £5,545,366 15s 2d; on December 14 the figures were £5,768,007 7s 4d, a difference of approximately £222,640. Increased business is also shown for Christmas week in the moneys paid in at head office. Last year the week's deposits totalled approximately £34,000; this year the columns add up at £40,000. The figures for the whole year in respect of receipts have not yet been taken out, but for the 11 months ended November 30 they are available. Last year the total was £1,463,000; this year it is some £1,600,000. The payments out last year for the 11 months were £1,546,000; this year the approximate figures are £1,573,000. For the 11 months of last year the increase in depositors was 552; this year it is 1393. These figures relate only to the head office.

Following is a comparison of deposits and withdrawals at the head office of the Government Savings Bank for Christmas week, years 1905 and 1906:—

Week ended.	Deposits.	Withdrawals.
Dec. 23, 1905 ..	£31,845 16 6 ..	£41,318 19 9
Dec. 22, 1906 ..	£34,977 12 6 ..	£49,028 8 1

Increase of deposits over withdrawals for half-year ending December, 1906, £290,000 approximately.

RESUMPTION AT BALMORAL BEACH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The beach at Balmoral is the most perfect one near Sydney. With its sweeps of sand and its background of virgin bush it is a paradise for the holiday-maker and the camper. Sheltered from all the winds that blow—except the north-easter, and even this is tempered by the heights of Manly—it is as desirable in the winter as the summer. To-day when I visited it the Sydney people were there in their thousands. It is always difficult to estimate the numbers of a crowd, but I think I am well within the mark in saying there were not less than 10,000—men, women, and children.

Now my object in writing is not to try to describe the beauties of a place which is probably as well known to most of your readers as to myself, but to call the attention of the public to the fact that they and those who come after them will soon be permanently shut out from one-half of this glorious beach. Through one of those scandalous oversights of the past, the western half of the beach, known as Edwards Bay, was allowed to pass into private hands, and already fences have found their way across the sands to high-water mark. In a few years it is probable that all the land facing the beach, which belongs to one or two persons at present, will have been subdivided among various owners and houses erected upon it. And then the Sydney people will have lost their rightful heritage for ever.

This should not, and must not, be; and our Government would win the gratitude of the citizens of Sydney if they took steps at once to secure this beach and some of the bush behind it for the people of the metropolis. To-day the eastern half of the beach was packed to its utmost capacity, and hundreds of family parties were enjoying the grateful shade of the trees behind the beach. And the children had overflowed in large numbers on to Edwards Beach, and were paddling and bathing there. Judge, then, what it will be when Sydney is twice its present size, and a projected tram brings the people to the water's edge. Then, when it is too late, will be revealed the folly of allowing this unrivalled playground to be closed to the public.

This to my mind is a matter of sufficient importance to be designated a national question. It is not the residents of Mosman or even of North Sydney who alone benefit by this beach, though undoubtedly it is the beach—the only beach—for the whole of North Sydney. It is the people of Sydney and of the whole State who come here in their thousands as they did to-day. It is therefore the plain duty of the Government to resume at once the foreshores of Edwards Bay, and to vest it in the people for ever. A few thousand pounds will do this, and a public agitation should be started to induce the Government to proceed immediately with the resumption. I am no advocate for rash or uncalled-for expenditure, but I am convinced that some of our surplus could not be better spent than in securing the necessary land at Edwards Bay for a public reserve.

I am, etc,

RICHARD ARTHUR.

Dec. 26.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your report of certain laxity on the part of those responsible for the arrangements in connection with the above society's performance of "The Messiah" at the Town Hall last night does not, I fear, go nearly far enough. Shortly after the doors were opened at 7 o'clock hundreds of people were permitted to crowd the corridors where the ticket-boxes are located, only to be told that there were no more shilling tickets. Most of these people, either from unwillingness or shortness of cash, not wanting higher-priced tickets, were naturally anxious to emerge from the building again, and in their endeavours to do so they came into collision with others who were trying to enter, thus causing a block which resulted in serious inconvenience and discomfort, to say nothing of the injury done to many ladies' costumes. Now, all this could easily have been avoided if the authorities had exercised the most ordinary common sense by either posting a notice outside the building, or, better still, stationing an official on the steps to make the announcement that no more shilling tickets were available. Again, the authorities must have known from previous experience that there would certainly be a crush. Why, then, were all ticket-holders compelled to enter by the front of the hall when the side entrances could easily have been availed of? A great many of those who had purchased 2s tickets beforehand, or secured them at the ticket-boxes very early in the evening, were put into seats under the galleries on either side of the organ gallery, while others who purchased similar priced tickets half an hour later were given infinitely better seats on the northern and southern galleries at the western end. A constant source of annoyance to those in the vicinity of the platform was the opening and closing of doors and shuffling of dresses caused by the admission of reserved-seat late-comers during the progress of the performance. This was particularly noticeable while the first solo item (tenor) was being rendered, and I am convinced that in no other musical community would such a state of affairs be tolerated on such an occasion. Indeed, I have frequently known a performance to be stopped consequent on such an inelegant, not to say indecent, intrusion. But apparently the officials of the Philharmonic Society think more of the convenience of their patrons who choose to come late than they do of the comfort and pleasure of the thousands who are in their seats in good time or the artistic success of the performers. Perhaps they will give some heed to these trifling details in future.

I am, etc.,

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MACDONALD.—December 21, at Mooralla, Brighton, Melbourne, the wife of Claude Augustus Macdonald, of Wantabadgery, Wagga, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COBBY.—December 27, 1906, at her residence, No. 8 Hill-street, Surry Hills, Ellen, beloved wife of Robert Cobby, aged 82 years.

COWPER.—December 27, at Bouraka, North Sydney, of pneumonia, Charles Lethbridge Cowper, aged 50 years.

FINLAYSON.—December 27, at his residence, 34 Brae-street, Waverley, Richard Wilson Finlayson, aged 55 years.

GRAHAM.—December 23, at his late residence, Narellan, John Joseph Graham, in his 69th year.

LLOYD.—December 27, at Sydney Hospital, Alfred Ernest, fifth son of Mrs. S. Lloyd, of 177 Walker-street, Redfern, aged 23 years.

MUSSON.—December 27, 1906, at her residence, Hawthorne, Glebe Point, Clara, widow of the late John Musson, C.E., aged 74 years.

STONE.—December 27, at Colo Vale, Edward Stone, aged 50 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BAXTER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Baxter, who departed this life on December 28, 1903, aged 61. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Dolly and Norman Biggs.

BERKELEY.—In sad and affectionate memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Rebecca Sarah, who departed this life on December 28, 1900. W. and M. R. Jesse, Henry and Ida Jesse, F. and C. Richards.

BERKELEY.—In fond and ever-loving remembrance of my dear wife and our dear mother, Rebecca, who died 28th December, 1900. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Harriet and Jack. Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest.

BERKELEY.—In sad and affectionate remembrance of my dear daughter-in-law and our dear sister-in-law, Rebecca, who died 28th December, 1900. Inserted by her loving mother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Norah Cuthel and Emma M'Bride. Thy will be done.

BOULTER.—In affectionate memory of my dear husband, Uriah Turner Boulter, who departed this life December 28th, 1896, at Sydney, aged 72. Inserted by his loving wife, Elizabeth Boulter.

GRINDROD.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Matilda, who departed this life December 28th, 1905. Gone, but not forgotten.

GRINDROD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Matilda Grindrod, who died on December 28th, 1905. Inserted by her loving sons, daughter, and daughters-in-law.

HALL.—A loving tribute to the memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, who departed this life December 28th, 1905, at Petersham. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Florrie, Alfred, Bert, Elsie, Hilton.

Thro' all pain at times she'd smile
A smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angels called her home
She smiled farewell to earth.

HALL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Alice Hall, who died December 28, 1905. A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, George and Josie.

HALL.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Alice Hall, who departed this life on the 28th December. Leaves may fade, but memory never. Inserted by her loving son, Alfred.

MONTGOMERY.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved father, William Montgomery, who departed this life on December 28th, 1901, aged 80 years. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving daughters and son, A. Wieck, F. Wentel, L. Johnston, and Leslie Montgomery.

ODY.—In loving memory of our dear father, Dr. Wilberforce Ody, who died at Teralba on December 28, 1904. At rest. A tribute from his loving children, Sylvia and Wilberforce Ody.

ROWE.—In loving but sad remembrance of our little darling, Henrietta Isabella Mary, who died on December 28, 1905, aged 10 months. Inserted by her loving parents, Ernest and Isabella Rowe.

SHEEHAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Elizabeth, who departed this life December 28, 1905, aged 35 years. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, A. and H. Horner. Fondly loved and sadly missed.

ST. CLAIR GUMB.—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, Alice Clara, who departed this life December 28, 1904. Inserted by her loving husband and daughter, Alice.

ST. CLAIR GUMB.—In loving remembrance of my dear daughter and our affectionate sister, Alice Clara, who departed this life December 28, 1904. Inserted by her loving mother, sisters, and brothers.

TYLER.—In sad but loving memory of my darling son, Albie, who died on December 28, 1901; also my dear husband, Albert Tyler, father of above, who died on December 31, 1904. At rest. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

WOOLF.—In loving memory of our dear father, Isaac Woolf, who died December 27th, 1904, aged 67 years. Inserted by his loving children, Rosie, Sarah, Kittie, Rachel, Bessie, Fanny, and grandchildren. R.I.P.

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THE BLAYNEY ELECTION.

Mr. Crick's announcement that he does not propose to contest the election rendered necessary by his resignation as member for Blayney clears the way for a more satisfactory fight between the party of reform and the Labour party. We do not need in this connection to discuss the question whether Mr. Crick's advertisement of his retirement for a season is so much bluff, or whether in this case again discretion may be the better part of valour. His resignation anticipated the action of the Legislative Assembly and blocked the discussion of the report of the Lands Commissioner, and his bombastic announcement now may be the best way of covering a hasty retreat. But these points are not worth considering in view of the issue now before the electors of Blayney. They have to decide whether they will give the country the keynote for the struggle due next year, not whether Mr. Crick has escaped a contemptuous rejection. Reform is the great question before them, and socialism is a mischief to be attacked as much in State as in Federal politics. The Labour party is opposed to reform in every shape and form. It fought against reduction of members, and has laid a paralysing hand upon each effort to deal effectively with the finances of the State. Under Sir John See it stood for extravagance: and the policy of "borrow, boom, and burst" found its chief support and demand from those who followed Mr. M'Gowen. Since then they have made it abundantly clear that they will not have economy, and the Labour ideal is to create gigantic departments of State and inaugurate "socialism in our time."

The electors of Blayney will do well to remember that reform must be faced sooner or later, and that events have been steadily clearing the way for it. The Commonwealth has taken over the Post Office, the Custom House, and the Defence Department; while by recent legislation the people of New South Wales are relieving the State administration of roads and bridges and much else. Local government is giving a large section of the community entire control of certain services which aforetime kept members of Parliament constantly upon Ministerial doormats. Yet with it all there is a mighty surplus in view, and our revenue is kept up to a pitch it never reached even when the services in their entirety were concentrated in the hands of the State. We shall have 90 members elected again in a few months' time to deal with a vastly limited volume of business, and the time has come for the people to insist upon a further reduction in the membership and to realise reform in other directions. The thing always to keep in mind is the certainty that prosperity and a swelling revenue cannot last indefinitely. A time must come when business principles must be applied in the administration of the public departments, and wisdom consists in preparing for trouble instead of calmly ignoring the possibilities. The reform candidate should accept the principle that his duty is to the country first, and not to parties or persons, and he should be given full liberty of action within well-defined limits. We should hail with pleasure the return of a bona-fide country representative as an indication that the time is ripe for the formation in politics of a genuine country party.

THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

The presentment of the case of India put forward by the Hon. Dadabhai Naoroji at the Indian National Congress, as it is summarised for us in our cables this morning, presents some points of piquant interest. There has been considerable ferment in the Bengal province of late, and though the coronation eccentricities reported a few weeks ago have their farcical side there seems to be a substantial grievance behind the partition question. The real difficulty, however, lies in that general awakening of the Asiatic races to which the recent Japanese successes gave rise. The reports of those successes fanned into life whatever faint flicker of the old fierce warlike spirit was left in Asia, but particularly in India. There, it must be carefully remembered, the independent warlike spirit is only about half a century extinct. But the Indian Mutiny is not to be forgotten in fifty years, although the benign influence of British rule in the meantime has removed any immediate element of danger. During those years we have civilised and educated India, in so far as its teeming population can be said to be affected at all by any outside agency whatsoever. We have given it, as leading Hindoos themselves admit, good and effective government in the best and highest sense of the word. But the keynote of Indian dissatisfaction was struck in Mr. Naoroji's address when he used the significant phrase that good government could never be a substitute for government by the people themselves.

The speaker drove this point home by inferentially suggesting that the Government of India was not good, but economically evil and unconstitutional. He made excellent play, too, from his point of view, with the case of the Boers and the privileges entrusted by the present Liberal Government to them. But this kind of argument, after all, suggests a notoriously easy case to make whenever a Liberal Government is in power. Everybody wants everything to be liberalised all at once—Ireland, India, South Africa, Egypt, and every other national and racial problem which has occupied the minds of the shrewdest statesmen for a lifetime. Yet it was the late Lord Salisbury who referred contemptuously to this same Mr. Naoroji as the "black man" when he first entered Parliament. It is the same Mr. Naoroji who urges his Indian fellow-subjects today to demand self-government and unity for India, and to awaken again that race-pride and national spirit which is to lead "India to reoccupy her former position among the greatest civilised nations." The Indian National Congress, at which these views were promulgated, represents a movement to bind together the educated natives of India, of all religions and provinces, into a sort of political league. Its first gathering was held in 1885. At that which followed in the succeeding year Mr. Naoroji presided. Loyalty to the Crown has always been plainly stated in these gatherings, and agitation has been directed only in favour of administrative changes. But things have changed in Asia in twenty years.

THE SAVINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

There are two safe methods open to gauge the economies of the people, and the extent of the savings they make out of their earnings—the returns of the Savings Banks and those of the friendly societies. When times are good and wages are regular and substantial a certain proportion finds its way into one or other of the two Savings Banks, while in other cases it is found that the members' lists of the benefit societies increase and new lodges are formed. Both are excellent ways of saving, and of making provision for a rainy day. The habit of thrift and foresight is much stronger among the working classes than it used to be, and the general average of intelligence is such now that the standard of prosperity is fairly measurable by the evidences offered by these returns. The excellent seasons and bountiful production with which the State has been favoured have distributed their benefits broadcast over the population. All classes have participated in the effect of this flowing tide of prosperity, and it is time to begin to look for tangible evidences and results. With regard to the friendly societies, it is understood that the reports show increase of funds and membership and of organising activity. Taught by the lessons of previous years, wage-earners are taking precautions now to secure to themselves a share in the benefits of these societies against the time when adversity and illness may overtake them.

The returns from the two Savings Banks emphasise the same fact. Wage-earners have been able to bank money in increasing quantities as the result of favourable conditions during the year. Thus we learn from figures supplied by the Government Savings Bank that during the past half-year the increase of deposits over withdrawals has been £290,000 approximately, which is a large sum when the conditions under which savings bank deposits are usually made are remembered. The Savings Bank of New South Wales tells a similar tale. For example, while the number of new depositors for the first eleven months of 1905 was 552, which is quite a satisfactory figure in its way, the increase for the corresponding period of this year is 1393. That speaks for itself. Then about £117,000 was received in deposits this year over last. The Christmas week deposits this year are about £6000 higher; and the increase in depositors' balances, after allowing for interest, amounts this year to £222,640 over that of the preceding corresponding period. These, it should be said, are head office figures. When the accounts for the year are fully made up they will better reflect the improvement in industrial conditions all round. But even in so far as they go, these statements offer an encouraging reflection not only of the prosperous and progressive conditions now ruling in New South Wales, but also of the prudent manner in which wage-earners are husbanding the harvest of this prosperity.

MEAT FOR THE CITY.

The outlook for a satisfactory continuance of the meat supply for the metropolis is brighter at the present moment; and the attitude of the slaughtermen, as shown at last night's meeting, indicates that they are not so determined to force their terms upon the master butchers. We are apparently likely to see conciliatory efforts successful. This is certainly good news. While the public may be expected to have every sympathy with a legitimate effort to obtain a redress of grievances, and will give attention to each statement that may be made, it cannot be expected to patiently endure any restriction upon its food supplies when the way to a settlement of the trouble is clearly open along other lines. People are beginning to ask indignantly why Sydney should be put in a quasi-state of siege simply because a few men have not been able to force their employers to concede in full the demands made upon them; and it now appears that reason, not passion, may turn the scale. It has been said that the master butchers were not willing to meet the slaughtermen half-way, since they are alleged to have attempted to impose conditions not contemplated when something like agreement was arrived at between the two parties; but why should the consumer be made to suffer? He will have to bear the brunt of a fight. A meat famine will affect him more than those who supply him with beef and mutton. Hence he will begin to give judgment with a decided bias against those who refuse to kill for him. As public opinion is the great factor in these struggles, which gives or withholds victory, it is clear that the slaughtermen will be wise in declining to go to extremes. They stand to lose their wages and their hold upon public sympathy by any course which can only hurt their employers through the public, and they apparently perceive that they have not by any means exhausted their remedies.

No good purpose is to be served by splitting hairs over the point whether the present difficulty was coming to a head by a strike or a lockout. The men realise the importance of not seeming to be on strike, because they want to have the public with them. If they could plead with any show of reason that they had been locked out they would expect to bring severe pressure to bear upon their employers, and this is the crux of the question. The people of Sydney are not likely to side with the master butchers simply because the latter might have to deal with slaughtermen on strike. Exasperation at a meat famine would arise whether it were a strike or a lockout; and while the public is anxious for fair play it insists upon being considered. What is so clear, of course, is that with a little readiness to compromise there should be a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty. The men have already won what may be considered substantial concessions, and they cannot expect to obtain everything they demand. If, therefore, common sense is to prevail there need be no difficulty. It becomes a matter of give and take, such as everybody recognises in daily life; and judicious compromise is the secret of success in both individual and corporate existence.

THE ALIENATION OF FORESHORES.

In a letter which we publish in this issue Dr. Arthur forcibly draws attention to the fact that the steadily progressing alienation of the foreshores bids fair to shut the people out from the enjoyment of part of the harbour beach at Balmoral. At present visitors to this favourite spot enjoy some of the benefits of the place. They can hold their picnics in the bush which hedges the beach in from the road, and the children can paddle to their heart's content in the waters which wash the shores. It appears, however, that the western half of the beach, known as Edwards Bay, has passed into private hands. The purchasers, naturally enough, propose to make the best use of the land which they have acquired, with its unrivalled water frontage. It is but a matter of time, then, before all this part of the harbour will be private property, and already steps are being taken to warn the public off. The purchasers of the frontages are not to blame for taking full advantage of the privileges they have secured in open market. But the fact remains that they stand between the people and the enjoyment of the people's birthright. In a few years, if the alienation of the foreshores goes on, there will hardly be a beach in the harbour where citizens may resort for an outing without trespassing on the legal rights of some person who has been enabled to possess himself of sites which should belong to the people.

Dr. Arthur says that the alienation of the foreshores should and must be stopped by Government. We do not know who is responsible for the alienation of which Dr. Arthur complains, and we are glad to believe that the present Government had no share in the bad work. But it should be a recognised thing that no limitation of the people's heritage is to be allowed. In times past frontages to the harbour have been surrendered for a mere nothing, either absolutely or in proportion to their value. We are feeling the stress of this now, when the population of Sydney is little more than half a million—what will the strain be like when there are as many people in Sydney as there are to-day in the State? There is not enough room for us now to enjoy the stretches of sand and the wooded frontages which are part of the glory of the harbour—what will it be when hundreds of thousands of the inhabitants of Sydney want to take their pleasure along the shores of the harbour? If things go on in the direction at present allowed there will not be a solitary place in the harbour which a party may occupy for a few hours without incurring the penalties devised against trespassers. Of course this is an impossible state of affairs: the people will not submit to this alienation of their birthright. That means that the foreshores which have been alienated must be resumed by the Government—and that, of course, means money. Hitherto we have been throwing away beautiful and valuable sites at prices which may appear liberal at the moment. What will these sites be worth a few decades hence? Whatever they are worth now, whatever they may be worth years hence, they belong to the people, and must not be alienated. If already alienated, they must be redeemed.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Australia for the Anglo-Indian.—Another proof of the excellent work done by the Immigration League of Australia in seeking to induce Anglo-Indians to settle in this country comes to hand by this mail. A gentleman in Madras writes to the president of the league stating that after careful consideration of the information sent to him and a perusal of the books also forwarded, he and his family have decided to come to Australia. They amount to 23 persons, as some of his sons are married. They are all prepared to go in for farming, and four of the sons, aged 29, 27, 18, and 16 years, are already on the way.

Railway Construction and Local Demands.—In our country news the other day it was stated that a section of the Grafton people intended to agitate for the construction of the North Coast railway line simultaneously from both ends. The scheme has certainly a great deal of merit in it, because its advocates contend that the extension of the existing Tweed-Grafton line southerly would not only pay its way, but assist to make the Casino-Grafton section payable. At the same time there is a great deal to be said against the proposal. It must be a few years before the connection between the Maitland end and the northern end can be accomplished, and in the meantime the two spurs would be gaping at each other. It is more economical, too, from the constructors' point of view to push out from the main centre. Then there are many engineering works, including iron bridges, required, and it would not be possible to put the whole of these in hand at the one time, though that would be required if the line was started at several points. Indeed, Mr. Lee is advised that for all practical purposes it is not possible to start the line in different places. What he intends is to start the first section of 110 miles between West Maitland and Taree at both ends simultaneously, and the surveyors are hard at work on that section now. This announcement should definitely dispose of the sectional agitation along the Manning River in favour of local aggrandisement at the expense of national needs. The cry that the line should shoot from Wingham northerly across Lansdowne, so as to cut out the principal river centre, Taree, and its important district, is, to say the least, not generous; nor would it be good business. The route is not likely to be altered materially from that already sketched out, except to improve the railway as a grand trunk North Coast line.

The North Coast Railway Works.—In building the North Coast railway the intention of the Minister is to follow up the sections as rapidly as possible, and not necessarily wait till one is completed before initiating the other. The annual vote of loan money is limited, but there is nothing to prevent consolidated revenue being used at a rate practically restricted only by the limit of total cost. If it is wise to put a double quantity of work into one year so as to gain some distinct advantage, Mr. Lee says he will have no hesitation in doing it, and striking a balance in the next year. At any rate, the money will be all spent in the State, because the whole of the iron and steel for bridges, plates, and all else is to be made by Mr. Sandford at Lithgow, and the bridges are to be constructed under local contract. There is no need as in former days to import railway bridges when such a fine work as the big bridge on the Manilla-Barraba line can be turned out at the Clyde works. It is intended to push on with the erection of the bridges and the preparation of earthworks throughout the whole route, so that when the platelayers are ready there shall be no delay in putting down the permanent way. The timber for smaller bridges and culverts is to be cut and stacked for seasoning. Mr. Lee's idea is to be ready for the platelayer, no matter how fast he can stretch the line from Maitland, because while the railway is not working it is costing 4 per cent. in loss of interest.

Regulations Under the Local Government Act.—In the "Government Gazette" issued yesterday some regulations under the Local Government Act are published. They show how the Minister may undertake certain works on behalf of a council, they deal with the acquisition of additional powers by councils, and they specify the manner of conducting polls of electors.

Railway and Tramway Appeals Board.—The term of office of the employees' member on the Railway and Tramway Appeals Board expires about the end of January, and the Railway Commissioners are now inviting nominations, which must be lodged by January 15. The board consists of five heads of departments, and one selected representative of the employees. When the Tramway Commission was in progress a suggestion was made by a section of the men that the Appeals Board should be reconstituted, to consist of a representative of the department, a representative of the employees, and a District Court Judge. That would have required an amendment of the Railways Act, and nothing came of the suggestion. The first election for appointment of employees' representative on the board was held in February, 1901, when 22 candidates were nominated. Mr. T. D. Richards, waggon-builder, Eveleigh, was elected, with a total of 5791 votes, the next highest on the list having 2621 votes. The total of votes polled was 12,091. At the second election in February, 1904, there were four candidates, and Mr. Richards was again elected, with 9144 votes, in a poll of nearly 15,000. The board has dealt with 927 appeals, an average of 155 per annum.

Race Clubs and the Gaming Act.—The Chief Secretary, Mr. Hogue, referred yesterday to the licensing provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act. As in the case of all new laws, he said, there was obviously some misunderstanding amongst persons specially interested as to the statutory requirements. This was particularly noticeable in country districts in regard to applications for licenses. "Country race clubs," Mr. Hogue said, "should distinctly understand that under the new law if their courses are not licensed they cannot race next year. A large number of racing clubs in the country apparently think that they can apply after the due date, 31st December next, but the Act is imperative on the point of application for a license, which must be made by the 31st December. Application may be made by telegram."

Water Supply.—At the weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday the President stated that the water in Prospect Reservoir now stood at 3.92 feet below overflow level. During last week the consumption averaged 27 million gallons daily, while the evaporation amounted to 5,200,000 gallons daily, equal to a total daily consumption of 32 million gallons. At this rate of consumption there is 132 days' supply in Prospect Reservoir above gravitation level, and 325 days' supply taking the whole body of water, in addition to which there is about 30 days' supply in the Cataract Reservoir.

Extension of Sewerage.—A report by the engineer-in-chief recommending that the Potts Point sewerage reticulation be carried out at a cost of £2500 was adopted at a meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday. It was also decided on the recommendation of that officer to invite tenders for providing sewerage facilities to the second section of the Randwick western slopes at an estimated cost of £7500.

Dangers of Electricity.—Alderman Lindsay Thompson, the representative of the City Council on the Fire Brigades Board, presented a report at last night's meeting from Superintendent Webb, in which it was pointed out that a number of electric light wires and cables carrying very heavy currents were being run along the streets of Sydney and suburbs without insulation on them. One cable, bare of insulation, he had been informed, carried, or was intended to carry, 5000 volts, portion of it being underground and portion overhead. That matter affected the Fire Brigade in that if the steel wire stays of the fire escape ladders touched those wires it would be instant death to the men holding the levers. The fireman's work was sufficiently risky without having added dangers in the shape of naked wires and cables threatening them in unknown and unsuspected places. The superintendent added that he did not know what authority or authorities were responsible for such extremely dangerous practices, but anyone with the slightest knowledge of the subject must condemn them. The tramway trolly wire carried 500 volts. It was in the centre of the street, and they knew that it was there. The wires of which they complained, however, were run on the sides of the streets near the houses, and they did not know exactly in which streets the wires and cables were bare or insulated. He asked the board to exert all its influence to have the overhead wires and cables insulated in order to avoid the possibility of their men being electrocuted. The matter was referred to the electric light committee.

Water and Sewerage Board Finances.—A report from the accountant to the Water and Sewerage Board presented to the meeting yesterday submitted an abstract of revenue collected from July 1, 1906, to December 22, 1906, showing the amount to be £249,627 19s 9d, as against £228,556 13s 10d, during the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £21,071 5s 11d. There was also a comparative statement of expenditure from loans and revenue votes during the period July 1, 1906, to December 22, 1906, and the same portion of the previous year. The expenditure from revenue was £58,777 18s, as against £59,421 4s 8d last year, or a decrease of £643 6s 8d. Expenditure from loans, £83,637 3s 10d, as against £77,190 8s 1d last year, or an increase of £5446 15s 9d.

Public Schools Needlework.—An interesting feature of the New Zealand Exhibition is the section entitled "Home Industries," prominent among which is the needlework display. The preparation of this work for the New South Wales Court was entrusted to a sub-committee of lady teachers, Miss Chandler, Superior Public School, St. Leonards, North Sydney; Miss Ferguson, Superior Public School, Gladstone Park, Balmain; and Mrs. De Saxe, Superior Public School, Ultimo. The report of the exhibition committee in New Zealand on "home industries" is published in the "Lyttelton Times" of the 13th instant, from which the following is quoted:—"Though not entered for competition the New South Wales exhibits displayed in the gallery called for honourable mention by the sub-committee. The needlework was all forwarded from New South Wales primary schools, and its remarkable quality, as the work of young children, had been noted by many expert visitors. Amongst many finely finished specimens were the exhibits of general needlework from Newtown Public School, Sydney, and from Tamworth School; a blouse worked from brushwork design, by Doris Greenwell, Balmain Public School; table centres by Ivy Bell, Celia Kay, St. Leonards School; Dora Souter, Glen Innes, and Millie Flemming, Moor Creek School; worked handkerchief by Pearl Degotardi, Nicholson-street School; child's smocked dress, Grace Goddard, St. Leonards; and point lace collar, Violet Bailey, Moor Creek. Cabbage tree hats, woven by boys of Cleveland-street Public School, were very clever productions. The needlework cases in Mr. Durie's department conveyed the highest impression of New South Wales methods in teaching this important subject, and the sub-committee had to congratulate the children on their success in really exquisite stitching."

The Railway Department announces that the usual week-end excursions by rail and steamer will be run to-morrow. The Hawkesbury excursion in connection with the steamer General Gordon will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m.; to Parkesvale (George's River), via Como by train, leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m.; to Nepean River (Penrith), leaving Sydney at 8.25 a.m. and 1.25 p.m.; Hawkesbury-Newport-Manly trip, by train leaving Sydney at 9.10 a.m., and steamer from Circular Quay for Manly, leaving at 9.20 a.m.

The Railway Department notifies that to-morrow an additional cheap train will leave Bathurst at 12.10 midnight, calling at all stations except Solitary Creek to Springwood.

Orders to visit the nautical schoolship Sobraon and the Parramatta industrial school for girls on January 3 will be issued to parents and relatives at the Department of Public Instruction, Bridge-street, to-morrow and on Wednesday next.

A most expeditious piece of work was carried out between Christmas Eve and yesterday morning at the premises of Farmer and Company, Limited, Pitt-street. This consisted of the demolition of the whole of the floor of the first Pitt-street shop, covering about 4700 square feet, and the relaying of a new floor in its place, 12in higher. In order to carry out the work the whole of the stock and the fixtures, counters, and fittings had to be removed. With the closing of the doors at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve the removal of the stock began, and when this was completed an army of workmen took possession of the premises, working continually in "shifts" until Wednesday evening, when the new floor was ready for occupation. The stock was then replaced, and yesterday morning at 8.30 the shop was ready for the reception of customers.

We have received copies of Ogg's weather forecast for the six months ending June 30 next.

The Australian Mutual Provident Society advertise a free issue of pocket calendars and diaries.

We have received a copy of the Christmas number of the "Sketch." The illustrations are varied and entertaining, and the letterpress is of seasonable interest.

"Sanitas" writes complaining that the public conveniences at Balmoral Beach are not nearly equal to requirements on public holidays.

Mr. A. J. Cloke writes that he has received from London a plate showing the ships of the British navy up to date, and that he intends having the plate framed and exhibited.

Yesterday the Sydney Mission to Seamen held an all-day picnic on the grounds of the Australian College, Randwick, which were lent by Mr. Nicholas Shiels. A band of lady helpers added to the brightness of the scene, and about 75 sailors heartily enjoyed the sports and games. At 7 p.m. a start was made for the Seamen's Institute, where a concert was given.

BLAYNEY ELECTION.

THREE CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD.

MR. CRICK'S RETIREMENT.

ROCKLEY, Thursday.

For the Blayney by-election, Mr. F. A. Booth, of Rockley, is announced as an independent Labour candidate, in consequence of the retirement of Mr. W. P. Crick.

MR. CRICK'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. Crick, in a notice to the electors of Blayney, published in our advertising columns yesterday, announces that he has decided not to seek re-election at the present juncture, owing to the tactics of the Labour party caucus in nominating a candidate, thereby preventing a straight-out expression of opinion. Mr. Crick contrasts the treatment he has received with that the Labour party claimed for Mr. Holman on the occasion when he was personally attacked, and sought re-election. Mr. Crick deals at length with this phase of the question, and says:—"Owing to the action of the Sydney caucus, the triangular contest as now proposed must be resultless as far as the objects of my resignation and candidature are concerned. Whoever is returned can achieve nothing beyond the declaration of the poll in his favour, as this Parliament is practically non-existent. I decline to create a position that can only supply the Sydney caucus clique with a platform whereon they would stage as real a wretched masquerade. I shall, therefore, reserve my candidature for the general election, and the one appeal I make to my old-time friends and supporters is to mark their sense of the caucus conduct towards me by refraining from voting in this meaningless contest."

Three candidates so far have been mentioned—Messrs. Withington (Reform), Beeby (Labour), and Booth (Independent Labour).

DEPARTING KANAKAS.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

At Cudgen Headland, about 150 kanakas, from all over the district, held a picnic yesterday, prior to their departure for the islands. In the afternoon they held a religious service, at which kanaka speakers expressed regret at having to leave for the islands.

TO-DAY.

Railway Excursion to Hawkesbury: Train leaves Sydney 9.5 a.m., Milson's Point 8.50 a.m.
Epping Races: First event, 2.30 p.m.
Kensington Races.—First event, 2.15 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Alice in Wonderland," 2 p.m.; "Parsifal," 7.45 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "A Path of Thorns," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The New Clown," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "The New Boy," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Hall: American Theatrescope Company, 8 p.m.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45 p.m.
Clay's Vaudeville Company: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
The Athenæum: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: 10 a.m.
Manly Pavilion: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Alhambra: Moving Pictures, 8 p.m.
Manly: London Poster King, 7.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Water-colour Sketches: 78 Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, 10 a.m.
R.A.A. Band; Hyde Park, 3.30 p.m.
State Military Band: Hyde Park, 8 p.m.

PERSONAL.

The Premier will take a well-earned rest from departmental work during the next few days. Mr. Ashton, who will relieve him of urgent official business, is expected back in Sydney to-day from the southern part of the State where he has been recuperating. Most of the other Ministers have taken short trips away from town. Mr. Hogue intends to spend a day or two at National Park.

Mr. Carruthers has received from Japan a sumptuous little silk work panel picture, the gift of Admiral Shimamura, who forwarded it as a memento of his stay in Sydney, and of the hospitality extended to him by the Premier. There are some other pieces of silk work, but the panel is obviously the work of a master artist.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the City Council last night Alderman Harris wished the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor) the compliments of the season, on behalf of the members of the council, and referred in terms of praise to the manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. Alderman Taylor expressed pleasure at the compliment that had been paid him, and thanked the aldermen for their co-operation and assistance during his term of office.

Sir John Gorst, accompanied by his daughter, passed through Adelaide on his way back to England yesterday. He was met at the railway station by the Premier and Mrs. Price and the Director of Education. The party went for an hour's motor ride round Adelaide and suburbs, and then joined the steamer Victoria for England.

A meeting of the friends of the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Brien was held yesterday, and additional subscriptions to his testimonial were received. It was decided to make the presentation on Thursday next. The monsignor leaves for Colombo on a holiday trip on Saturday, January 5.

News has been received by the English mail of the death at Inverness of Miss Mary Murchison, aged 97. The deceased lady had a vivid and interesting recollection of bygone days in the Highlands.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Sydney, who is on a visit to Melbourne as captain of his association's cricket team, met with a painful accident at the Warehousemen's Cricket Ground yesterday. He was fielding in the long-field, and in running back to take a catch fell heavily to the ground. He fell with his left hand under him, and sustained a very bad sprain of the left wrist.

Mr. Arthur Streeton was welcomed home last night by the artists of Sydney and a number of friends at a dinner at Paris House. Mr. Julian Ashton occupied the chair, and among those present were Messrs. G. V. S. Mann (secretary to trustees National Art Gallery), Walter Reeks, Leonard Dodds, W. Lister Lister, and Arthur Collingridge. In acknowledging the toast of his health, Mr. Streeton spoke in terms of appreciation of the warmth of the welcome tendered him by his Australian friends. He hoped to make the most of his time while in the Commonwealth in depicting the beauties of famous Australian landscapes. Mr. Streeton referred to the success achieved by Australian artists in London, and said he was proud of the appreciation which those men had received, not only abroad, but among their confreres in Australia. During the evening Mr. Streeton was presented with a souvenir, which bore the autograph of all those present at the function.

Mr. Charles Lovely, returning officer for East Sydney, was entertained at a social last night at Butler's Hall, William-street, by the members of the staff who worked with him in the conduct of the late Federal election for that electorate. About 40 gentlemen were present, and a musical programme was presented. Several apologies were received for non-attendance, among those who thus regretted their absence being Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P., who was prevented from being present, but who in apologising wrote in high terms of Mr. Lovely's impartiality and ability. The toast of the guest of the evening was honoured, and Mr. Lovely, in responding, mentioned that he had been returning officer for East Sydney since 1894, and one of the reasons which actuated him in accepting the invitation to be present that evening was because it would give him an opportunity of thanking collectively the staff who had so ably assisted him in the conduct of the election, and without whose co-operation he could not have carried out his duties.

Mr. John Stinson has resigned his position as one of the Government nominees on the Dental Board of New South Wales.

Mr. Geo. J. Watson, of Nowra, formerly of the E., S., and A. Bank, has been appointed accountant for the Great Cobar Copper Mining Company, at Cobar. Mr. Watson has had good experience in city commercial business, and also in station management at Moree (Mungindi and Gil Gil), and at Redbank, Jugiong (Osborne's), and Widgiewa (Horsfall's).

The death is announced of Mr. John W. Colton, of Adelaide, aged 58, son of the late Sir John Colton. Deceased was a member of the firm of Harrold Colton, Limited, and was formerly a prominent member of the South Australian Cricket Association.

Mrs. Ann Litchfield, formerly of Haseldean, Cooma, died on Monday, at her residence, Hornsby, after a lingering illness from paralysis, at the age of 75 years. She came from England with her late husband about 54 years ago, and after a brief stay in Goulburn they went to Myalla, Cooma, the property of the late Mr. William Bradley, of Bibbenluke. Shortly after Robertson's 1861 Land Act became law, Mr. Litchfield took up his first selection, part of the present Springwell property. Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield removed to Homebush in 1891, and resided there until the former's death last year. The deceased lady leaves a family of four sons and three daughters. The interment took place at Rookwood on Wednesday, the Rev. S. Langford Smith officiating at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer and the Misses Elsie and Ida Palmer have taken their passages by the Marathon for Durban and sail on January 10.

The appointment is gazetted of Captain Henry Newton, Deputy Superintendent of Navigation and Harbourmaster at Newcastle, as Superintendent of Navigation, vice the late Captain James Edie. Captain Alexander Hacking, Assistant Harbourmaster and Shipping Inspector of Newcastle, is to take Captain Newton's place.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Gladys Davies, daughter of the Attorney-General of Victoria, while out in a skiff with a party of friends at Portarlington, was drowned through its capsize. Two gentlemen named Steel dived after her, and brought her to the surface three times, but were too exhausted to hold her till assistance arrived. The body has not yet been recovered.

SURF BATHING.

NARROW ESCAPES AT MANLY.

PLUCKY RESCUERS.

Considerable excitement was caused on the ocean beach at Manly yesterday afternoon, owing to several persons, who were bathing in the surf, being carried out and nearly drowned. Shortly after 2 o'clock one of the bathers named Michael M'Enery, residing at Queen-street, Woollahra, was seen to be in trouble, and two others, Stanley Lancaster, of Bunn-street, Pyrmont, and F. Johnson, of Bridge-road, Glebe, went to his assistance, but they in turn were also carried out. Another bather, Ernest Phillips, then secured a life-line, and after considerable difficulty, succeeded in bringing M'Enery in. "Happy" Eyre, a well known attendant on the beach, seeing the plight of the other two, had swum out to their assistance, but the under-current proved too strong to enable him to get the men in, and he advised them to swim out to sea. In the meantime word had been sent round to Messrs. Sly Brothers, fishermen at Fairy Bower, of what had taken place, and they put off in their boat to the struggling bathers. Owing to the heavy surf, however, the boat could not approach near enough to get them in, whereupon Charles Sly jumped into the water with a rope, by means of which all three were hauled in. All were considerably exhausted by their perilous experience, but skilled aid soon restored them.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

MAILMAN'S TROUBLES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Postal Department has received advice of a delay which has occurred to the mails in Northern Queensland. The mailman, who was on his way to Coen, on arriving at Fairview on December 21, reported that on the morning of the 20th, at Morehead River, blacks stampeded his horses from the camp. He left the camp to search for them, and on returning found that the blacks had gone through his baggage. His rations were stolen, and all the loose letters he was in charge of were scattered about. The mail bag was not opened.

SENTENCE REMITTED.

On a petition of the residents of Deloraine, Tasmania, the Governor-General has exercised his prerogative of mercy, and has ordered the release from custody of a man named Wright, who in June was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for stealing a postal article.

LOCAL TAXATION PAID.

The Acting Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Mauger, is forwarding to the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works a cheque for £4000 in payment of water and sewerage rates on buildings in occupation of the Commonwealth Government in Melbourne. The Federal Government does not admit the right of the board to tax its property, but is paying as an act of grace.

FEDERAL MINISTERS.

None of the Federal Ministers are at present in Melbourne, excepting Mr. Mauger, Hon. Minister. Mr. Deakin, who has been spending the holidays at Point Lonsdale, is expected to be at his office to-morrow, but will return in a day or two to the seaside. The question of the position of parties has to be considered, and also the appointment of a Minister in place of Senator Playford. The Cabinet meeting, however, may not take place for a week or two.

CHRISTMAS MAILS.

WORK AT THE G.P.O.

RECORD BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

The work of the Postal Department during the Christmas holidays is like a game of football. There is the severe struggle of the first half, when Christmas messages and parcels are despatched, then a welcome spell of a day or two, and finally, the equally arduous New Year work to engage the attention.

Postcards have reached a popularity which seems ever on the increase. The superintendent of mails estimates that three-quarters of a million cards went through the G.P.O. on Sunday night, a fact which shows that the postcard craze is not merely popular, but universal. A calculation of the weight of the postcards enabled Mr. Whysall to arrive at this estimate. There are 120 postcards to the lb, so that the figures were easily obtainable. The sorters fight shy of cards. Photographic cards contain a surface that is apt to stick to their neighbours, and those alleged works of art which depict public buildings surrounded by fictitious illuminations are still more difficult to separate. When there are only a few dozen to be dealt with, the difference in the work involved is trifling, but when the numbers approach the million mark the slightest drawbacks are greatly magnified. Postcards do not run so smoothly through the stamp-defacing machine as letters, for the reason that letters are in a sense pneumatic, and behave like elastic bodies when passing through the machine. They fly apart and cause no trouble in handling. So that the clearance of 750,000 cards as the result of the work of Sunday night may be regarded as an achievement to be proud of.

"The clearances from the city and suburban receivers and from the various suburban post offices at midnight on Sunday night," said Mr. Whysall yesterday, "exceeded all previous records, and although the night staff worked incessantly, they could not overtake the work. The day staff come on at 6 o'clock in the morning, augmented by a good proportion of temporary hands, and were kept going until 3 o'clock, when the all night staff came on again. Every available sorter was employed until close on midnight, when the majority were allowed to go, only a few remaining to tie up and check off the bags. In order to deal more expeditiously with mail matter, temporary sorting divisions were improvised, and experienced men placed in charge."

Regarding complaints which are frequently made by persons who receive at different times letters brought in on the same mail, Mr. Whysall says that an endeavour is made to deliver as much as possible of a mail within a prescribed time. It might happen that through the delay of a train or steamer a mail is received at the post office considerably behind time. If it is an important mail, the delivery will be kept back for a few minutes, and every effort made to get as many letters as can be sorted included in that delivery. When the sorting is completed, there may be several more letters addressed to the same person in the mail, and if the strict letter of the regulations were adhered to he would receive all his letters together by a later delivery, instead of those which had been missed in the first hurried sorting.

No figures are available yet as to the actual quantity of mails which have been dealt with during Christmas time, but a rough estimate places it at 50 per cent. above that of last year. In the parcels post branch, it is estimated that one-third more parcels have been handled than were passed through the office last Christmas.

Upstairs, in the telephone room, the operators, sitting before bewildering rows of shutters and connecting lines, are experiencing the blissful relief of answering only six subscribers per minute, instead of twelve. The 12,500 subscribers, therefore, who are prone to regard a momentary wait as a personal affront, and the reply "engaged" as an act of private revenge, will have less cause for complaint when the holidays are over.

The telegraph staff, too, have their days of storm and stress. The careless man, who forgets to post his expressions of goodwill towards his friends, is forced to telegraph them, while there are others to whom a telegram has an importance which no stamped letter could convey. The lines in and beyond the State have therefore been busily engaged during the past week. The department, however, has the means of coping with tremendous demands on its telegraphic resources. Between Melbourne and Sydney alone there are three quadruplex systems, and three or four emergency lines, so that a constant stream of messages, travelling sixteen at a time in both directions, can be rushed along the wires. There is always the possibility of a breakdown to be considered. A long spell of dry weather will cause dust to accumulate in the insulators, and the next shower will damp the dust, and cause the particles to carry off part of the current. Or there may be electrical storms in the atmosphere, which cause the instruments to record false signals, and are a cause of much vexation to the patient operator. Breaks in the line, bush fires, and a dozen other causes have to be reckoned with, and if any of these accidents occur at this time of the year, complaints are unpleasantly frank. So, considering one thing with another, there are abundant reasons why the Post Office and the public should congratulate each other at the way in which the various services have been carried out during the most trying period of the year.

MELBOURNE STRIKE.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Some of the rank and file of the strikers in the building trade expressed a hope before the Christmas holidays that an endeavour would be made to bring a conference about this week. With this object in view they quietly sounded other strikers to-day, but found that opinions were so much against accepting a conference except on conditions that work would not be resumed until the award of the chairman be made known that they were dissuaded from moving further in the matter. The strike committee are preparing for a continuance of the trouble. Strenuous efforts are being made to secure funds so that the weekly payment of 20s to each man be kept up.

MINERS' CONTRIBUTION.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The A.M.A. this week sent £100 to the strike fund of the Melbourne carpenters, and has decided to make a weekly levy while the strike lasts.

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INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS.

SELF-GOVERNMENT.

A PANACEA FOR GREAT EVILS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Indian National Congress opened at Calcutta yesterday, ten thousand delegates being present. Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, formerly M.P. for Central Finsbury, the president, gave the opening address, whose keynote was the remark made by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, at Stirling on November 23, 1905, that good government could never be a substitute for government by the people themselves. Mr. Naoroji asked how much less could an economically evil and unconstitutional government be a substitute for government by the people themselves.

Mr. Naoroji instanced the Boers securing self-government, and the Russian peasants a Duma. He next quoted the call of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, "Long live the Duma," at the International Parliamentary Congress. Surely, the speaker said, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's freeborn Indian fellow-citizens were more entitled to self-government.

Self-government, the president said, should be gradual and automatic. He urged the Indian people to petition for their rights to King Edward and to the British Parliament, and to maintain an active agitation in India and Great Britain.

Incidentally, Mr. Naoroji declared that the partition of Bengal was a bad blunder, which he hoped would yet be rectified. He recommended the unity of all Indians in order to achieve self-government, whereby millions who were now perishing of poverty, famine, and plague would be saved, and India would reoccupy her former position among the greatest of civilised nations.

India is not a nation. Its peoples form many nations, and in a Parliament or Representative Council, as the Congress delegates prefer to call it, not one nation would have any community of thought with another. The position is well put by the "Times of India," in a conversation which a young European civilian is presumed to have with a retired native official. Asked whom the Representative Council is to represent, the native official replies, naturally, "The Indian people." "Well," said the young man, "granting that there is such a thing as an Indian people, you must admit that it consists mostly of non-Brahmin Hindus and uneducated Mohammedans." The native official admitted this. Continuing, the young civilian said: "Now, can you deny that any Representative Council you might gather together, no matter how elected or chosen, would consist almost entirely of Brahmin-Hindus and educated Mohammedans? And how can you say that they really represent the Indian people any more than we do? The fact is, the Indian people you speak of is a mere fortuitous conglomeration of warring castes, nations, and creeds, having no bond of union except the British Raj, which tries (with no great success, I admit) to keep the Brahmin from cheating the Mohammedan, the Mohammedan from beating the Brahmin, and both from robbing the starving ryot. As a result, no native of India can be said to represent the Indian people; he can but represent his own caste and creed. Was it not one of your own Indian people, elevated to one of the most responsible posts in the Public service, who recommended that third-class passengers should be used as buffers to protect the first-class and second-class travellers? No, it is the Briton who truly represents the Indian people, the Brahmin in his desire for education, the Mohammedan in his love of adventure and an active life, the ordinary ryot in his desire for greater material prosperity and comfort, whilst from the point of view of mere caste, he no doubt represents the Panchama (artisan) community."

The "Times of India" also emphasises the same point, in the course of a leading article. It writes:—"The undue domination of Bengal in the more recent aspect of the congress propaganda, is another point regarding which the external view ought to be considered. In any case, the Congress does not speak for the Rajputs, who regard it and its ways with contempt, and it does not speak for the 60,000,000 Mohammedans, who show little eagerness to place themselves under the domination of a caucus that is fast becoming peculiarly Hindu. But from the way the Congress has been drifting of late, there seems every reason to assume that in its articulate form it is still more rapidly being converted into an exclusively Bengali association. The Bengalis have screamed so loudly that they have drowned every other voice. They have dragged the Congress movement at their tail, while they have run amok amid the ruins of the work of laborious Congress leaders in other parts of India. And the influence of the Bengalis has rarely been exerted in the directions which make for sanity and prudence and sound political judgment."

THE LATE PRINCIPAL RAINY.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S SYMPATHY.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Archbishop of Canterbury telegraphed to Mr. A. Ronald Rainy, M.P.: "Deep and respectful sympathy for you in the loss which the Christian community and our land has sustained in the death of your distinguished and venerated father."

RAISULI BOUGHT OFF.

NO MOLESTATION OF EUROPEANS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Guebbas, the Moorish Minister for War, now encamped in Tangier with the wall of the city between his forces and those of Raisuli, who has been tyrannising over the Tangier district, states that Raisuli is quiet, and will remain so without undertaking any act of hostility against Europeans.

Among Europeans in Tangier the impression prevails that Raisuli has received a large sum of money to keep quiet.

AN ARCHDUKE'S EXPERIMENT.

TIRED OF LOWLY MARRIAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Herr Woelfling, formerly Archduke Leopold Ferdinand of Austria, has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife, formerly Wilhelmine Adamovic, at Geneva, on the ground of incompatibility of temper.

The Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, son of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and brother of the divorced wife of the King of Saxony, was paid his portion of the family fortune and dismissed from the imperial family of Austria in January, 1903. In July of the same year he married Mdlle. Adamovic, an actress, with whom he had been living for some months.

A TRAVELLER'S BOMB.

ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

[illegible]ller in quitting a train at Khar[illegible]n, Southern Russia, dropped a [illegible] The explosion killed two passengers and [i]njured several others.

[illegible]INEA COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

[illegible]ent appeal has been issued [illegible] of £500 towards the establishment of a cottage hospital in British New [illegible] appeal is signed by Earl [illegible] Lord Tennyson, and other [illegible] persons.

[illegible]YDE SHIPBUILDING.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

[illegible] present has been a record year in [illegible]building on the Clyde, where 372 vessels were launched, aggregating 598,000 [illegible]

NATIONAL ECONOMY.

DANGERS OF WEALTH.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Cobden Club has reminded the Government that it is pledged to economy, and suggests a reduction in the Estimates in 1907 owing to favourable hopes of a continuance of peace.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in a sympathetic reply, said he was glad that the club was alive as ever to the danger of allowing the wealth which freetrade brought to our doors to be squandered in needless or provocative expenditure.

PEACE PRESERVATION ACT.

LAWLESSNESS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The "Times" censures the repeal of the Peace Preservation Act. The original Act, the "Times" states, was introduced by a Liberal Government, and Mr. Morley, then Chief Secretary for Ireland, in 1886 pronounced it to be of particular value in preventing the importation of arms. It has been inserted regularly in the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill until now it has been unobtrusively dropped, though crime in Ireland proves that the old spirit of lawless violence is in no wise dead.

IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY.

SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN FUNDS.

A SPLIT IN THE CAMP.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Owing to the expulsion of Mr. Daniel D. Sheehan, M.P., from the Irish party, and the stoppage of his Parliamentary salary, he is about to seek re-election for Mid-Cork.

Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., who is supporting Mr. Sheehan's candidature, denounces the despotism of the Irish Parliamentary party, whose control of the Australian funds, he says, is the beginning and end of the whole trouble.

Mr. O'Brien describes them as "wand politicians," shaking the Australian funds over the heads of the Irish representatives in order to terrify and enslave them.

RACIAL CONFLICT.

WHITES AND NEGROES.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The conductor of a train at Wahalak, Mississippi, intervening in a quarrel between negroes was stabbed. Thereupon he shot his assailant. The incident led to a racial conflict in Kemser County, 15 people, mostly negroes, being killed.

PEACE IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

BERLIN SANGUINE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Official circles in Berlin are sanguine that the war in South-west Africa will soon be ended. It is stated that Johannes Christian and 155 Bondelswarts, with 124 rifles, have surrendered. These natives have received locations near Keetmanshoep and Kalkfontein.

THE TSU-SHIMA DISASTER.

OPINION IN THE CAPITAL.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The acquittal of a majority of Admiral Niebogatoff's officers after enduring ignominy and privation is considered in St. Petersburg tardy justice.

The earliest accounts of the battle stating that the petty officers and crews of the Russian warships mutinied, compelling the surrender of the vessels, were disproved.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILI.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

An earthquake occurred in Chili yesterday. One half of the town of Arica was destroyed and several persons were injured. Damage was also done at Iquique and Pisagua.

SNOWSTORM IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

There was a great snowstorm in Britain yesterday. Snowdrifts six to eight feet high were numerous in several counties.

The storm was accompanied by a severe gale on the coast, and several ships were lost. The rescues of the crews were exciting.

WAR STORES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Many thousand tons of preserved meats, which were returned from the war stores in South Africa, have had to be destroyed, as they were rotten; also 39,000 tins of meat essences, which, owing to prolonged keeping, had become impregnated with tin, and were consequently poisonous.

SOUTH AFRICAN RECIPROCITY.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Newspapers comment upon the reciprocity treaty concluded between New Zealand and South Africa.

EXECUTIONS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

There were 13 executions at Riga, and seven at Mitau, near Riga, in one day.

A NOTED SHOWMAN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Mr. J. A. Bailey, showman, of Barnum and Bailey, left an estate worth £1,250,000.

SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALLERS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The South African football team defeated Monmouthshire yesterday by 17 points to nil.

BUSH FIRE ON COREE ESTATE.

JERILDERIE, Thursday.

A bush fire broke out at midday yesterday on Coree. It was first observed in Cowley's paddock, near the southern boundary of the holding, and although the weather was calm it burnt fiercely, and spread northerly. Station hands with water carts and beaters fought it on the western side, and settlers on the eastern side did likewise. Selectors' crops on Booroobarilly narrowly escaped. The fire raged fiercely all day, extending to M'Arthur's crop, South Coree, and was beaten back there about 5 p.m., when the wind blew from the north, assisting the beaters, who gradually got the flames under. About 20,000 acres of grass were destroyed. No crops were damaged.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

FEDERAL ROLLS DEFECTS.

RETURNING OFFICERS TO REPORT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The state of the rolls comes up for discussion. Notwithstanding the number of years which have passed since Federation first called for a list of voters, there are still many glaring defects in the system now in vogue of bringing electors forward to declare their will. People die, people go away, they marry and change their names, and yet there does not seem to be any reliable method of removing from the rolls those who no longer have a vote, or who will vote under some different designation or in some other place. The citizens will not, as a rule, take it upon themselves to send in to the electoral officials saying that there is a necessity for alteration owing to the change of circumstances, and as there only seems to be a haphazard way for the department to find out these alterations the result is that a great many of the rolls contain a considerable surplus of names to which there are no voters to answer. This has been found to be the case over and over again in the elections just held.

While the campaign was in progress the electoral department was under the control of Mr. Mauger, who was Acting Minister for Home Affairs in the absence of Mr. Ewing in his electorate. Mr. Mauger is of opinion that the last Federal elections were the best conducted in every way of any which have been held in Australia, State or Federal. He is, of course, aware of defects, especially in regard to what has been proved, namely, that there has been much duplication, many persons being on the rolls for several different places, which is perhaps one of the most serious of the difficulties to be overcome. This, he says, shows only too plainly that facilities for getting on the rolls are easy, while the other side of the question—getting the names off—is not so easy.

With so many agencies at work trying to rouse the people to vote, citizens' names are taken and put in the list for the district where they are residing; but there is apparently no one but the citizen himself to ask that the name should be cancelled elsewhere. Mr. Mauger considers that too many unauthorised names is a minor matter compared with the other one of having people coming to booths to vote and finding that they are debarred. He is of opinion that there will never be any truly satisfactory system until enrolment is effected by a kind of census, the taking of which would have to be promoted for every general election, and would be a matter of great expense. However, with the view of obtaining the benefit of every suggestion that may lead to improvement under the present methods, he is calling for reports from every divisional returning officers in the light of their experiences.

THE SENATE.

NEW SOUTH WALES (COMPLETE).

GOULD, A. J. (A.S.)	194,331
WALKER, J. T. (A.S.)	191,002
MILLEN, E. D. (A.S.)	187,972
M'DOUGALL, A. (S.)	147,088
CLARK, G. D. (S.)	143,925
M'GIRR, G. (S.)	136,223
MORONEY, J. O. (S.)	15,819
BATHO, T. (S.)	14,167
WILLCOX, J. K. (S.)	12,161
Informal	15,173

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

The official declaration of the Senate election was declared to be:—

CAMERON, JAS. (A.S.)	25,089
*CLEMONS, J. S. (A.S.)	24,844
*KEATING, J. H. (P.)	26,862
EWING, N. K. (A.S.)	27,396
*O'KEEFE, D. J. (S.)	23,128
GUY, JAMES (S.)	20,748

*Members of last Parliament.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EDEN-MONARO.

COOMA, Thursday.

At the official declaration of the poll for Eden-Monaro, the totals were stated to be:—Mr. Chapman, 7979; Mr. Longmuir, 4190; informal, 1571.

NEPEAN.

KATOOMBA, Thursday.

Mr. J. R. Nash officially declared the poll for Nepean to-day as follows:—Mr. E. K. Bowden, 9749; Mr. C. Dyer, 5471; Mr. T. W. Taylor, 857; informal, 677. Of 29,719 persons on the roll, 16,754, being about 53 per cent., voted.

Mr. Bowden, in an address, attributed the fact that the poll was so small to the election being held in midsummer. He deplored the possibility of a third party. In proposing a vote of thanks to the returning officer, Mr. Bowden spoke highly of Mr. Nash's organisation and administration.

Alderman H. R. Goyder, on behalf of Mr. C. Dyer, seconded the vote, and expressed himself highly pleased with the way the election was worked. Mr. Dyer wrote expressing regret for his absence, and specially thanked the returning officer on his able administration of such a difficult electorate.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE.

The final figures for the Brisbane seat are:—Mr. Foxton, 8199; Mr. Culpin, 6187.

THE REFERENDUM.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The referendum vote for and against the alteration of the Constitution was as follows:—

Yes	220,204
No	38,961
Informal	25,883

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The latest referendum figures for Victoria concerning the date of the Senate elections are:—Yes, 224,338; no, 50,462.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

The referendum vote in this State was officially declared to be:—Yes, 34,056; No, 7825. Informal, 5761.

TASMANIAN RIFLE MEETING.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The Tasmanian Rifle Association Commonwealth meeting was continued to-day on the Launceston Range. Results:—

Ladies', seven shots at 600yds, time limit 9 min, £35 in prizes, possible 35: A. B. White (Queensland), £5 and bracelet, 33; G. L. Ardill (N.S.W.), £3, 33; A. Cutler (N.S.W.), £2, 32. N.S.W. winners of £1 prizes included S. Edwards, J. W. Atwell, Captain Beardsmore, W. Cutler, — Walker.

The highest scorer in the first stage of the Champion was G. Howitt (S.A.), who won a £5 prize with 96 out of a possible 105. N.S.W. prizewinners were:—O. J. Stanton, £3; G. T. Ardill, £2; A. Cutler, £2; W. A. Clark, £1.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

At the Exhibition military tournament held at Christchurch, Corporal Higgins and Bombardier Dowell, both of the Australian Garrison Artillery, won the competition for setting target sights, and in the rifle and firing exercises the Australians gained second place, Wellington City Rifles beating them by half a point. Corporal Leitch (Australian Artillery) won the second prize for gun-laying.

TASMANIAN MINES.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Tasmanian Copper Mine produced 270 tons of sulphide ore; Magnet, 30 tons sulphide and 120 tons of gossan; Hercules, 275 tons of sulphide and 75 tons of zinc blende.

Regarding the lode pierced by the diamond drill at Primrose mine at 200ft from the surface and 19ft thick, and assay made for 15ft of core gave gold .27oz, silver 13.5oz, lead 10.4 per cent., and zinc 29.4 per cent., giving a gross value for gold, silver, and lead at the present market price of metals of £5 9s 6d per ton of ore.

VICTORIA.

THE MOTOR FERRY BOAT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The new ferry boat Motor Gem, which was designed and built in Sydney for the passenger service between Port Melbourne and Williamstown, arrived to-day, covering the distance from Sydney to Williamstown in 57 hours, averaging ten knots.

SUGGESTED FUSION OF PARTIES.

For some time past there has been evidence of a probability of the fusion of the Opposition corner party with the Government supporters. It seems probable that Mr. Bent will offer either to two leaders of that party, Mr. Mackinnon and Sir Alexander Peacock, or to one of them, a position in the Cabinet. Mr. Bent said to-day that he proposed to offer to Mr. Langdon, now an honorary Minister, a temporary position as Chief Secretary and Minister for Labour.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

PROPOSED INCREASE.

It is the intention of the Premier to suggest to the Cabinet at the next meeting that the maximum payment to old age pensioners be raised from 8s to 10s per week, the rate paid until about five years ago. For the last financial year the total payment for pensions was £189,000. Mr. Bent estimates that the increase proposed will mean an increase of not more than £40,000 a year.

THE SUBURBAN RAILWAYS.

CONVERSION TO ELECTRIC TRACTION.

It is the intention of the Premier to take preliminary steps for converting the St. Kilda railway from steam to electric traction, and he intends to go into the question of converting the whole suburban system during the recess. A board of railway officers was appointed several months ago to investigate the question, and to-day the Chief Commissioner of Railways informed Mr. Bent that the board would shortly submit its report to him. Negotiations were opened up with the Government about a fortnight ago by representatives of a big company, the identity of which Mr. Bent declined to disclose, for carrying out the whole scheme.

THE RAILWAY STRIKERS.

TO BE TAKEN BACK.

The Premier to-day had an interview with the Chief Railway Commissioner relative to the reinstatement of strikers, on behalf of whom an agitation had been raised. Mr. Tait informed him that meetings were being held in various parts of the State to ascertain whether the men at present in the service were prepared to make sacrifices in order to allow the strikers to get back to their old positions. Information of the results of these meetings had not yet reached the Commissioners.

However, Mr. Bent said it was immaterial whether the Commissioners got information or not, as, in view of the unanimity of the Legislative Assembly on the subject, he had determined to proceed in the matter early in the new year, and take the men back.

PRISON-MADE WIRE-NETTING.

It is the intention of the Premier immediately to authorise the erection of new buildings necessary at Pentridge in connection with the manufacture of wire-netting by prisoners. Mr. Bent says he is also determined to put into operation a scheme for the employment of prison labour on road works in unsettled districts, such as those of Eastern Gippsland.

THE DEATH IN A THEATRE.

An inquest was held to-day concerning the death of Samuel Robert Wareham, who died suddenly in the Opera House last night. A verdict was recorded that death was due to heart and kidney diseases.

QUEENSLAND.

MISHAP TO A SAILING BOAT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The sailing boat Ariel left here on Christmas Day for a seaside resort with seven youths, and was due back last evening. A message was received this afternoon stating that the boys were safe on Peel Island. This message indicated that the boat had foundered or was wrecked, but that all the occupants had been saved.

It has since been learned that the Aereil, on Christmas day moored under Goat Island (Moreton Bay) for shelter during a north-easter. The wind suddenly dropped round to south-east, and the Aereil was blown on to rocks on a corner of Goat Island, and was considerably damaged. She was left there while the crew walked to Bird Island, from where they went to Peel Island for shelter. It is understood that the crew will be brought to either Cleveland or Wynnum to-night.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEFENCE ADMINISTRATION.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A report was circulated to-day that trouble had occurred in the ordnance branches of the Defence Administration in Victoria and South Australia on account of civilian control exercised over certain military units. Lieutenant-Colonel Reade, chief staff officer, has given an official denial to the statements so far as South Australia is concerned. He says it is absolutely untrue that in Adelaide there is any disorganisation in the ordnance service through artificers having been called on to work under orders of civilian officers.

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

The number of telegraph messages sent along the Eucla line to and from Western Australia and other States on Christmas Eve totalled 6940, which is a record, and exceeds the figures of Christmas Eve, 1905, by 1249. It is roughly calculated that the Adelaide office dealt with about 25,000 telegrams on Monday, including the 6940 mentioned.

LABOURERS DEMAND AN INCREASE.

A mass meeting of the builders' labourers to-night endorsed the resolution passed by the South Australian United Builders' Labourers' Society last week that after January 1 wages of builders' labourers be 8s a day. The Master Builders' Association has ignored the communication giving the result of the society's decision, and it now rests with the association to approach the men.

CUSTOMS CASES.

Frederick William Forwood, who is charged on two counts with having forged documents in connection with the Customs, appeared at the Port Adelaide Police Court to-day, and on the application of Mr. Oldham, who appeared for defendant, was further remanded until January 5.

ARMED BURGLAR CAUGHT.

A PLUCKY CAPTURE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Early to-day two members of the metropolitan police effected a smart and plucky capture of a burglar with booty. The man arrested gave his name as Thomas Bellamy, aged 21. Constables Owens and Symons arrived at the watchhouse before 5 o'clock with the prisoner handcuffed between them. Owens stated that about a quarter past 4 he noticed the prisoner and another man making their way quietly by the darkest spots along Gresham-street, towards North Terrace. One of the men carried a large leather bag. After closely watching and following them in and about different streets, Owens attracted the attention of Symons, who rapidly gained on the suspect with the bag, and called upon him to halt. The man at once dropped his burden and ran away with Symons in pursuit. In the back yard of a house in a lane the man stopped, faced his pursuer, and thrust his left hand into his coat pocket. Before he could withdraw his hand Symons grasped his wrist, and held it until the arrival of Owens. The two officers forced him to open his hands, and a "British bulldog" revolver loaded in five of its six chambers, fell to the ground. The bag, when opened at the police station, was found to be packed with a variety of goods marked, "Shirlaw and Company." Later on it was discovered that the premises of Messrs. Shirlaw and Company, clothiers, outfitters, in Hindley-street, had been entered during the night. Drawers, fixtures, and boxes had been opened, and the contents littered over the floor, and the goods in the bag were identified as having been taken from the premises.

LARGE SHARE TRANSACTION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

It was recently reported from Melbourne, that Mr. Lionel Robinson, of Melbourne and London, had bought 80,000 Mount Morgan shares held by the Queensland National Bank. It now transpires that the deal represents £360,000, namely, 80,000 shares at 90s. This is stated to be the largest deal from one vendor to one purchaser ever made in Australia in mining shares.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE TOWER HILL ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

WOUNDED MAN LINGERING.

HE MAKES A CONFESSION.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

Word has been received from Leonora that the condition of Morley, who was shot by Mr. Gerald Browne whilst trying to escape in connection with the attempted robbery of Tower Hill mine, is unaltered, nor is any permanent improvement probable. Provided with the most careful nursing and constant attention, it is possible for him to be kept alive for two years, but his general health and surrounding circumstances point to an early ending to his misery.

On their first meeting in the lockup, strong recrimination took place between Hansen and M'Gee, the former being under the impression that M'Gee has acted in concert with the night watchman (Coulson) in frustrating their plans. Explanations, however, cleared this point up. Hansen and M'Gee will be brought before the Court on Friday. Hansen is reported to have frequently stated that he would plead guilty. Although it is known that a fourth man, in the person of a Kalgoorlie resident, is connected with the affair in the capacity of a "fence," sufficient evidence has not yet been obtained to justify his apprehension.

Later information from Leonora states that Morley has made a written confession of complicity in the attempted robbery. He alleges he was drawn into the affair by M'Gee, who said they had a sweet thing on. M'Gee, who was present at Morley's bedside in Leonora Hospital when the confession was made, alleges Morley drew him into the affair.

POLICE RAID.

PERTH, Thursday.

Last night the police raided premises in St. George-terrace, and arrested the only occupant, Jas. M'Guinness, on a charge of keeping a common gaming-house. They also seized a number of betting instruments and over £80 in cash. Accused appeared at the police court to-day and was remanded.

HARVEST ESTIMATES.

The Acting Government Statistician has made the following return for the State:—Estimated area under wheat for grain, 216,479 acres; estimated wheat yield, 2,309,354 bushels, giving an average yield per acre of 10.67 bushels. The estimated area to be reaped for grain is considerably more than the actual area for the previous season, which was 196,071 acres. As the present season appears to be a less favourable one than that of 1905-6 the yield promises to be only slightly higher than its predecessor, which amounted to 2,308,305 bushels; whilst the average yield per acre will probably be distinctly lower, last year's average being 11.83 bushels.

DISTURBANCE ON A STEAMER.

AN ENGINEER INJURED.

A serious disturbance took place on the steamer Guthrie, lying at Circular Quay, yesterday morning, as the result of which Martin M'Gillivray, one of the engineers, was taken to Sydney Hospital, suffering from a number of wounds. From the inquiries made by the police it appears that for some time a good deal of discontent has been shown by the stokers, who are all lascars. Recently one of their number, who had acted as their serang, and who takes rank as a sort of boatswain over them, was disrated, and another appointed in his stead. This action was resented by the lascars, who, from what can be learned, also seem to have had some feeling against Mr. M'Gillivray, who holds the position of second engineer on the vessel.

Shortly after 7 a.m. yesterday M'Gillivray had occasion to go into the stokehole, but had no sooner got there than he was attacked from every side. The lascars were armed with all sorts of weapons, and M'Gillivray was repeatedly struck upon the head and body. Fighting desperately, he made his way back to the engine-room, where his cries for assistance brought his comrades on the scene, and he was soon rescued from his perilous position. The lascars, however, as soon as they found themselves beaten, rushed upon deck, and made a bolt for the wharf. The Water Police were speedily communicated with, and for some time they and the ship's officers had quite an exciting time hunting them up. Meanwhile, M'Gillivray, who had received some serious wounds about the head, was taken to Sydney Hospital, and admitted for treatment.

Subsequently those responsible for the disturbance appeared at the Water Police Court to answer charges of disorderly conduct on board their vessel. It was evident that all had not got off scot free, several having their heads in bandages, while others were suffering from minor injuries. One of the accused was discharged, but 12 pleaded guilty, and were each fined £2, or a week's imprisonment. Another, Abbas Ali, who is alleged to have struck M'Gillivray over the head with a metal pipe, was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm, and was remanded.

CASUALTIES.

TWO JOCKEYS INJURED.

While running in the Thirteen-three Handicap at the Ascot races yesterday, the ponies Indian and Marcelle came down, and their jockeys—William Brown and Robert Brown—were seriously injured. They were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it was found that both had sustained concussion of the brain, while Robert Brown, in addition, had had a collarbone broken.

FALL FROM A CART.

While driving along Doncaster-avenue, Kensington, yesterday, George Crawford, dealer, residing at Mitchell-street, Glebe, fell from the vehicle, receiving a fractured jaw, and bruises to the body. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where, in addition to the injuries mentioned, he was found to be suffering from shock, and was admitted by Dr. Donovan for treatment.

A CABDRIVER INJURED.

Yesterday afternoon John Kinneally, 38, cabdriver, fell from his cab in Burwood. He was conveyed to the Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from severe internal injuries.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Arthur Coxon, 54, a remittance man, was found dead in his bed at the Royal Pacific Hotel, Pyrmont, yesterday morning. It is believed that he died from natural causes. He had been out on the previous night until a late hour.

CONSTABLE'S FATAL MISTAKE.

BATHURST, Thursday.

Senior-constable Leonard, of Perth, near Bathurst, rode a bicycle to George's Plains on duty yesterday. On his return feeling thirsty, he went into his house and took up what he thought was a bottle of wine, poured some into a glass, and drank it. Finding it had a bitter taste he discovered he had got hold in mistake of a bottle of galvanic battery solution. He at once took a dose of mustard, which caused vomiting, and was driven to Bathurst. Dr. Brook Moore used a stomach pump, and Mr. Leonard seemed better. Later on he was taken to the hospital for treatment, as the poison began to have a serious effect, and after much suffering he succumbed at 8 o'clock to-night. Mr. Leonard, who had been stationed at Perth for 12 months, was highly respected, and leaves a widow and ten young children. He had been 22 years in the force, and was stationed at Condobolin and Orange before coming to Perth.

DECAPITATED BY A TRAIN.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On Christmas Day, at Dimboola, on the main line to Adelaide, a labouring man, Phillip Owen, in the employment of Bernard Schultz, farmer, was cut to pieces by the up mail special. The driver, James O'Regan, noticed an object on the rails near the spot where the accident occurred, but in the dim light of the morning thought it was simply a hat on the line. In passing he felt no bump, so never dreamt that he had passed over a man. The remains were found by a platelayer. The head was found 20 yards away. At the inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned.

A JOCKEY KILLED.

ARALUEN, Thursday.

When finishing in the last race on Boxing Day Eloquence fell over a dog, and the rider, Michael Coman, had his skull fractured, and he died this evening.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 28.

Schulau, German ship, 1457 tons, Captain Schoon, from Tocopilla. W. R. Cave and Co., agents.

Moira, s, 2184 tons, Captain Johnston, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Aramac, s, from Cooktown; Wodonga, s, from Sydney; Bingera, s, from Townsville. Dep: Dec. 27, Moana, R.M.S., for Vancouver.

FREMANTLE (3466 miles).—Arr.: Dec. 27, [illegible], s, from Westport, N.Z. Dep: Dec. 27, Gowanburn, s, at 6.30 p.m.; Sydney, s, at 6 p.m., both for the eastern States.

MEAT TRADE CRISIS.

MEN CEASE WORK.

POSITION AT GLEBE ISLAND.

FREE LABOURERS ENGAGED.

BUTCHERS KILL THEIR OWN MUTTON.

MARKET PRICES ADVANCED.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT.

A crisis was reached in the meat trade yesterday morning, when the slaughtermen at Glebe Island refused to work except on the terms already submitted by them. The masters took a firm stand, and absolutely refused to accede to the demands of the men. The work, however, was not quite at a standstill, as a number of the carcase butchers, with a few foremen, set to work to prevent a meat famine.

It had been feared that the men might cause some trouble, so a request was made for a strong detachment of police to be sent over to the abattoirs, and by 4 a.m. from 20 to 30 constables were in attendance. Inspector Sherwood, of No. 1 Police Station, was in charge, and he had his men stationed at various points in the vicinity, prepared to check any attempts at violence. Some of them concealed themselves under the bridge near by. Their services were not needed, however, as the union men made no demonstration.

The unionists complained bitterly of the presence of the police in such numbers. Mr. Furse, their secretary, remarked that it was a "shameful thing." The men, he said, considered it was done for the express purpose of inciting them to violence. The very fact of the presence of the police in such numbers was to impute to the men motives of which they were entirely innocent. They never had any intention of creating a disturbance. "Are we criminals that we should be so treated?" was a remark to be heard from many of the unionists. Towards mid-day the number of constables was considerably reduced. Even then there were more policemen than free labourers.

The employment of free labour might have caused some excitement if the police had not been present. The employers, therefore, must have thought it desirable to err on the safe side. Several of the wholesale suppliers engaged non-unionists. But the smartest work was done by the employers themselves, and outside butchers. Many of the latter killed their own mutton rather than pay the full extra price demanded by the wholesale men. Most of the suppliers had put up the price by a half-penny per lb, but they conceded a farthing to those butchers who came forward and did their own killing. The outside butchers killed and dressed nearly as much mutton as did the free labourers, and they certainly handled the knife better. There were a few unionists at work, chiefly the foremen slaughterers. They were given full rates of pay. A few of the ordinary workmen were also employed at the full rates.

"The effect of the changed conditions," said one wholesale man to a representative of this paper, "is that it costs me £17 to £19 per week more to supply the same quantity as before. This will have to be paid by the butcher, and the butcher will no doubt pass it on to the consumer. I fully expect to see an immediate advance of a penny per lb in mutton, and there might also be a slight increase in the price of beef. But the trouble is not so much in the beef trade. It is with the mutton slaughterers that we are at variance. I expect that the differences between us will be settled this week, for a clear start on Monday. But there are others who do not hold to this optimistic view, and if they should be right and I wrong, the public can look forward to further advanced prices. The extra expense must be passed on. Not only that, but, if the deadlock should continue over this week, there will be such a scarcity of mutton in the butchers' shops that the people will wonder what has happened. Already the export trade has ceased."

The union labourers did not as a body present themselves for work before 6 a.m. Several of them turned up an hour or so earlier, but they evidently had no intention of working, for when the gates were opened for them they quietly turned round and walked away. By 6 o'clock practically the whole of the 700 union men were standing about in small groups quietly discussing the situation. They remained about the precincts of the abattoirs for nearly half an hour, and then went home to change their clothes. None of them returned during the day. No attempt was made to do picket duty—probably owing to the presence of the police. The casual hands were thus allowed to proceed with their work without interruption of any kind. The union men say the sheep now being marketed are considerably larger and more difficult to handle on account of the thickness of their wool than the kind which were killed some years ago when the old agreement was made. They point out that the crossbreeding which has become so popular of late years is responsible for this. It was also declared by several who had experience in other States that the sheep of New South Wales were the worst in the Commonwealth from a slaughterman's point of view. On these grounds they argued that their demands were perfectly legitimate. Speaking of the conference agreement which was made last week, they alleged that it was the carcase butchers, and not the men, who had departed from it.

It would seem that the real differences can be narrowed down to a few points. If the employers' statements can be accepted as defining the position, the trouble does not hinge round the monetary aspect at all. That might be easily adjusted. The bone of contention is the hour of starting work. The employers want this to be fixed at 5 a.m. on week days and 4 a.m. on Saturdays. The unionists, on the other hand, want it to be 6 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, work to cease at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The men also want the number of sheep per man per day reduced from 60 to 56, in a day of eight hours. The conference agreement was 58 per day, and it is understood that the men, other things being conceded, would be prepared to accept 58.

The suburban slaughterhouses and the Riverstone Meat Company do a lot of all-night work in the summer, and their meat is landed in the Sydney market firm and clean on account of being killed in the cool of the night. The employers at Glebe Island cannot, therefore, grant the men the starting time they ask for and successfully compete for trade. Mutton killed at 6 in the morning would not, it is said, be properly set for hours afterwards, and the question is asked, could the public be expected to purchase quivering meat off the butchers' blocks? The master butchers feel that the present position has been forced upon them. They regard the men's proposals as quite impracticable. Every effort, they intend, will be made to keep up a sufficient supply for local requirements.

In response to the advertisements which had appeared in the morning press, a number of men put in an appearance at the office of the Carcase Butchers' Association, Harris-street, during the forenoon and applied for work as mutton slaughtermen and offalmen. Several were engaged at once, and sent down to the yards. They were mostly from the country, though two hailed from Western Australia. In the evening further applicants arrived, a number of whom were engaged, and it appeared that if the strike was to continue, enough men would, without a great deal of delay, be secured to keep the works going. No attempt was made at the office on the part of the strikers to interfere with the applicants; in fact, none of the former was observed in Harris-street throughout the day.

MASS MEETING OF THE MEN.

A CONCILIATORY RESOLUTION.

The situation was fully considered at a mass meeting of the union, which was held at the Trades Hall last night under the presidency of Mr. H. MacNamara. After a lengthy discussion the following resolution was agreed to by 213 votes to 91:—

That the terms and conditions embraced in the agreement as drawn up by the conference be accepted; that the conditions start from Friday, December 28. Also, that three delegates be appointed to wait upon the employers forthwith with a view to having the agreement signed.

EMPLOYERS HESITATE.

NO WORK TO-DAY.

Mr. Furse, the secretary of the union, reported, per telephone, at 11.30, that he would hold the meeting for another five minutes with the object of communicating the decision of the carcase butchers to the men.

When this interval had expired Mr. Furse announced to the men, who had then been waiting for an hour and a half, that he was still awaiting a decision.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned on the understanding that there would be no work to-day.

In further explanation of the situation, Mr. Furse stated that the men had been anxious to effect a settlement. But, in view of the delay on the part of the employers, the public could now see who was responsible for the continuation of the trouble.

"Well, can we say work will not be resumed on Friday?" inquired the reporter.

"Yes," replied the secretary. "We cannot do any more than we have done. We have waited till the last moment, and we have had to disperse the meeting without a final settlement having been effected."

"Do you expect that the crisis will be ended this week?"

"Yes, I do. I am surprised that another day of idleness has to be faced. But I fully expect that work will be resumed on Monday next."

"Under what conditions?"

"Of course," added Mr. Furse, "we will accept only the conditions which prevailed on Monday last."

At 1 o'clock this morning (three hours after the men had passed the resolution agreeing to resume work), the employers, whose meeting was still in progress, reported to the secretary of the Slaughtermen's Union that they desired the men to resume work under the 1903 agreement up till January 1. Mr. Furse was instructed to reply that the men were surprised to have such overtures made to them in the face of the employers' letter of December 24, offering the new rates.

Those present at the employers' meeting were:— Messrs. F. Wegg-Horne, secretary of the Employers' Federation; H. B. Francis (Messrs. B. Richards and Sons, Limited), president of the Carcase Butchers' Association; W. Drabble (Messrs. Oldham, Drabble, and Co.), T. A. Field, James Elliott (Messrs. J. E. Elliott and Co., Ltd.), E. Rogers (Messrs. A. Rogers and Sons), and F. T. Atkinson, secretary of the Carcase Butchers' Association.

AT THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

SALES YESTERDAY.

NEXT MONDAY'S SALES POSTPONED.

The acute stage reached between the mutton carcase butchers at Glebe Island and the slaughtermen was reflected at the Homebush fat stock saleyards yesterday morning. In the ordinary course of events sales would have been held on Monday last, and 17,530 sheep (including lambs) and 1120 head of cattle would have passed through the yards for this week's trade requirements. Owing to a section of the buyers at the yards requesting the postponement of Monday's sales this was done, and the carcase butchers were relieved of the difficulty of having sheep on hand that could not be slaughtered. As, however, the stock were down for sale, and it was imperative that they be offered for sale and passed into consumption if possible, the auctions were held yesterday. A month prior to the holidays it was arranged that the only sales for this week should be on Monday last, and for New Year week on Monday next. No trouble was foreseen; however, when it arose extreme measures had to be adopted to overcome it if possible.

Prior to opening the sales yesterday the Homebush selling agents held a meeting in the yards, and after discussing the position resolved unanimously that the sales announced for Monday next be postponed until Thursday next. As no sales were to have been held on January 3 it is simply a postponement from Monday to Thursday, and not the crowding of two days' sales into one. The sales yesterday were fixed to start at 11 a.m., and at that time the auctioneer first on the list entered the pen, and was about to open the market, when it was observed that half a dozen of the largest buyers were holding aloof from the sales. This seemed to augur further trouble, but after a while their discussion closed, and the market opened. There was no great rush to purchase at first, but as the sales progressed biddings came fairly free, and values were without any material change for sheep on the rates ruling at the last auctions on the 20th inst.

This evidence of ability to deal with sheep notwithstanding the strike of the slaughtermen was very satisfactory. Some of the carcase butchers themselves are slaughtering, and some of the retail butchers are attending the abattoirs and performing the work of slaughtering and dressing sheep for themselves. In this way the meat famine that might have followed the trade dispute is in some measure at least being averted.

The future was then difficult to forecast. Trucks for the conveyance of stock were not being ordered for future sales, because it was not known when sales would be held after Thursday next. The stock that are coming forward next week were arranged for prior to the commencement of the dispute. It is said that emissaries from the union proceeded to Riverstone (on the Blacktown-Windsor branch line) to try to induce the men employed at the Riverstone Meat Company's works to relinquish work. The prospects of success to stop work proceeding there were considered to be remote.

Upon the assembling of the buyers at the cattle section of the yards at 2 p.m., the time fixed for opening the cattle sales, the first auctioneer announced that at a meeting of selling agents in the morning it was resolved to postpone next Monday's sales. Several buyers asked, "Till When?" And a voice answered, "Till Thursday." Upon this being stated, one of the buyers, who evidently voiced the wish of the majority, said that Wednesday next would be a more suitable day. Also remarking, "Do you know that some of them are selling live cattle on Glebe Island, while you've got these hung round your neck?" From the tone of the remarks, it was evident that some of the cattle buyers were not in accord with the mutton carcase butchers yesterday any more than they were on Monday last. The request to hold the sales next week on Wednesday instead of Thursday will be considered at an early meeting of the selling agents, and probably complied with. The agents are simply doing what they deem to be best in a most difficult situation.

AT FLEMINGTON SALEYARDS.

Yesterday there was a buzz of excitement among the regular frequenters of the saleyards at Flemington. Early in the day the selling agents announced that the usual sale would not be held on Monday next. Buyers were consequently on the alert to secure beef and mutton for meat-eating Sydney. One auctioneer emphasised the fact that the people would not live on fish for a week, and prophesied a rise of a halfpenny a pound on meat.

One solitary policeman paraded the yards, but his office was a sinecure, for everywhere good order prevailed. The chief offenders were of the canine race, which was largely represented by Kelpies and cattle dogs. Not a few of these are in an extremely mangy condition, and therefore a menace to their healthy brothers.

The mode of selling at Flemington is very different to that seen in Sydney. The auctioneers have neither hammer nor pencil, but clap their hands vigorously when bidding ceases. Beside the salesman are two or three smart assistants, who take the bids from buyers. The small "rises" on the bids are remarkable, seeing the big money realised in some of the pens. For example, a lot of about 350 sheep were started at 16s each, and by a series of penny bids were eventually knocked down at 18s. In cattle sales the same small advances in the bidding are allowed. A pen of 10 prime bullocks may start at £10, and finish up, by shilling bids, to £12 odd. The top prices yesterday were £1 0s 9d for a small pen of prime sheep—real "bong codgers," the auctioneer called them, and £12 for bullocks, "fresh from the banks of the Macquarie."

There was no "running" at yesterday's sales. One auctioneer said: "I'll give a guinea to the hospital if I trot you." The cattle are sold in lots of 8 to 12, in small yards enclosed with 10ft stiff timber. In these yards a courageous matador prods the beasts with a long stick, and keeps them on the move to show their condition. Round and round they go, and every now and then one of them slips on the ironstone flags. This was noticeable in the case of one bullock, which the auctioneer explained was "blind in the daytime and couldn't see much better at night."

THE LATEST.

At 1.50 a.m. the employers were still considering the situation, and the secretary of the Slaughtermens' Union was yet in waiting at the Trades Hall for their ultimatum.

The meeting of employers was adjourned at 2.30 a.m., the position of affairs being unaltered.

MAN GORED TO DEATH.

SHOCKING INJURIES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Notting Hill, a township eleven miles from Melbourne, was the scene of a shocking affair to-day. Arthur Booth, a young man, has been in the habit of tethering a bull every morning. The animal had hitherto been tractable, but as Booth essayed the task to-day the bull was heard bellowing savagely. When assistance was forthcoming Booth was found lying dead on the grass. The wounds were of a frightful nature. The jugular vein was torn right out of the neck, and the abdomen was ripped open. An inquest will be held.

PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT.

SYRIAN WOMAN PROSECUTED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A young Syrian woman, Balenda Seliale, a passenger by the steamer Barbarossa, who failed to pass the test at Fremantle, was charged at the City Court to-day with being a prohibited immigrant. It was stated by the prosecution that defendant was very ill, and she was remanded on bail till January 4.

IMPROVING THE CITY.

WORK OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LORD MAYOR.

RESUMPTIONS FOR WIDENING STREETS.

At last night's meeting of the City Council the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor) submitted the following minute with regard to the resumption of Flinders, Bourke, and Oxford streets, etc.:—

"Re improvement at the intersection of Flinders, Bourke, and Oxford streets, this is an improvement of a very important nature, and one that I strongly recommend the council to undertake without delay. Some months ago, when I submitted a proposal for the resumption of the Victoria Hotel with a portion of this plan at the intersection referred to, the council rejected all that portion other than the hotel. Notwithstanding this, I feel it incumbent upon me to make a further request to have this resumption placed on record and the necessary preliminaries arranged forthwith. The advantages of effecting this resumption are so pronounced that I feel it is not necessary to labour the subject further than to say the estimated gross cost would be £38,500, less resales £25,500, making a total cost to the city of £13,000. This would make a further charge upon us of, say, £650 per annum against the city fund, and when completed on the plans submitted it would undoubtedly be a magnificent improvement, and would beautify the city enormously. I am so much impressed with the value of this locality that I am strongly of opinion that the council could by a lease under 50 years, with a stringent building covenant, derive ground rental almost sufficient to cover the interest and sinking fund on the capital expenditure. Delay in a much-needed improvement of this character means extra expense, and I therefore urge the council to instruct the works and finance committees to deal with it promptly, and report forthwith.

"Improvement of Crown and Oxford streets (Crown-street, Mr. Miller's property): This is an ugly and dangerous angle, almost as sharp as a saw tooth. I am informed the owner and lessee purpose building a commodious warehouse at an early date, and from personal inquiries made I am inclined to think arrangements might be made whereby 12ft or 15ft of this obstruction could be arranged for at a nominal sum. When the improvement is effected it would prove a boon to the locality, and be the means of a direct connection between Oxford and Crown streets, in place of it being necessary as at present to cross the tram on the wrong side and run the risk of a serious accident. This also is a matter that might reasonably be considered by the respective committees without delay. The council should seize every opportunity to improve the intersections of important streets by being alert when new buildings are in course of construction, and make the necessary overtures at the opportune moment."

The Lord Mayor said he recognised that the best course to adopt would be to refer both improvements to the proper committee for report. He hoped, however, that the council would see the importance of carrying out the works suggested.

It was decided to refer the minutes to the works committee for report.

In a further minute dealing with general resumptions the Lord Mayor said:—"As a good deal of interest has been evinced as to the progress of our resumption schemes, and I have had many inquiries, I think it best at this, my final meeting, to briefly place the matter before you. I am gratified, and I feel you will be satisfied, with the results achieved, as per statement attached showing that the claims already settled amicably represent one-third of the whole, practically within a shade of our valuations. The properties resumed, and now in course of remodelling, embrace Athlone-place, Wexford-street, Cathedral-lane, and Bourke and Flinders streets. The estimated gross cost (including construction of foot and carriage ways, sewers, law costs, etc.), was £210,000, less resales, £90,000; net cost of schemes to the city, £120,000. This will cost to redeem in 50 years for interest and sinking fund, £6000 a year, but apart from the necessity of these resumptions on sanitary grounds, the city will receive full value for the expenditure in added convenience. The plan of subdivision will be an important factor in the success of the scheme, and from a conference I have recently had with the valuers and the City Surveyor you will find when their report comes before you it will merit your approval. The disposition of Wexford-street area must be especially considered, keeping in view the extension to College-street, which can be carried out at a reasonable cost, and will increase the value of our present resumed properties contiguous to this extension. This proposal is already covered in the Oxford-street scheme, but the existing powers enable the council to undertake this without waiting for further Parliamentary sanction.

"Oxford-street: As you are aware, the pressure of other and prior important matters prevented the introduction to Parliament of a bill prepared at the Premier's request to enable us to proceed with the Oxford-street scheme, but as the Premier and his Ministry are cordially in favour of this important work it will come on early in the next session. My successor has already declared himself in favour of schemes for city betterment, and I tender him my assurance that he will find in me a loyal supporter and assistant."

The statement accompanying the minute was as follows:—

	Athlone-place.	Wexford-street.
Total valuation of properties resumed	£100,635	£63,654
Total number of claims received to date	126	68
*Total number reported on by city solicitor	102	81
Total number of claims dealt with by valuers to date and notices of valuation issued by town clerk	93	21
Total number of claims disposed of	61	10
Total amount claimed by claimants in respect of cases disposed of	£66,100	£17,750
Total amount of valuations sent out to claimants in cases disposed of	£39,901	£12,225
Total amount of settlements in respect of cases disposed of	£41,490	£12,300
Total excess as between settlements and valuations	£1,589	£75
Percentage of increase as between valuations and settlements	3.97	.61
Total difference between claims and valuations in cases disposed of	£26,190	£5,525

*Several of the claims include, and several of the reports deal with, more than one property.

Approximate Summary.—Cost of schemes, £164,000; contingencies, £8000; total, £172,000; Victoria Hotel, Cathedral-lane, £15,000; law, etc., roads, sewers, etc., £18,000; total, £205,000; less resales, approximately £85,000.

THE WEATHER.

TEMPERATURES RISING INLAND.

ROUGH SEAS ON THE NORTH COAST.

Complete reports to hand yesterday showed that the fine, bright, and cool weather conditions which ruled for the Christmas holidays in this State were experienced throughout the continent. Yesterday, however, temperatures began to rise in the interior, among the maximum shade reading reported being:—Hillston, 100deg; Wilcannia, 96; Wagga, 95; Dubbo, 94; Condobolin, 93; and Walgett, 91. The Commonwealth Meteorologist says that with the exception of a few isolated showers on the coast and Blue Mountains fine weather promises to prevail again to-day, with southerly or easterly winds.

Heavy seas continue to run along part of the north coast of this State, but from latest reports it appears that the conditions are moderating. Last night three stations only—Byron Bay, Bellinger Heads, and Nambucca Heads—advised rough seas. The steamers Duranbah and Friendship, which had been detained at the Tweed, were both able to leave early yesterday morning for Sydney. The Nerong, which on the previous day was unable to make the Nambucca River and sheltered in Trial Bay, succeeded in reaching her destination at 5.40 yesterday morning. The steamer Rosedale, however, is still barbound at the Bellinger, where a very heavy sea is breaking; and the ketch Alice Templeton is still barbound at Cape Hawke. Captain Davis, master of the North Coast Company's steamer Cavanba, which arrived here yesterday from Byron Bay, states that strong southerly winds, accompanied by high seas and rain, were experienced as far as Tacking Point.

FIRES.

The Manly Fire Brigade received a couple of calls yesterday. The first was to premises on the Corso, and also facing the ocean beach, and which are occupied and used as refreshment rooms by W. Wylie. The outbreak, which was confined to the front bedroom, is said to have been caused by children playing with matches. The contents of the room were severely damaged by fire and water. Later in the day the brigade was called to premises occupied by J. W. Durves, baker, at the corner of Market-street and Whisper-lane. In this case some hot ashes, which had been placed in a receptacle, set fire to a stack of wood in the yard, but the outbreak was soon extinguished.

Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday a fire broke out in a private dwelling occupied at 78 Derwent-street, Glebe, by Charles Pfeiffman. The flames were extinguished by the inmates with buckets of water, before much damage had been done. The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from a copper.

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INTERSTATE CRICKET.

N.S.W. V VICTORIA.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

NEW SOUTH WALES WINS BY TWO WICKETS.

ARMSTRONG, 168 NOT OUT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The cricket match New South Wales v Victoria was resumed at noon to-day in warm, cloudy weather. The attendance was fair. Armstrong, 55 not out, and Rush, 12 not out, continued batting. Play began disastrously. Rush hit the first ball off Hopkins to mid-off and was thrown out by Diamond, who returned the ball like a flash. 5—12—164. Ransford came next. Armstrong drove the next ball off Hopkins for 2. Armstrong played carefully, and after batting 30 minutes added only 12 to his score. A little later he hit Hopkins for three, bringing his total to 71—the highest score so far in the match—making Victoria 188. At 184 Armstrong gave a difficult chance to E. F. Waddy, which was missed, and three were scored off the stroke. At 198 he snicked one to the fence off Cotter, bringing the Victorian score over the second century. Two balls later Ransford was clean bowled by Hopkins. 6—13—202. Laver went to the crease, and Macartney took the ball from Cotter. The next ball off Hopkins was driven to the boundary by Armstrong, who followed this up by a powerful hit, which was just stopped at the fence by E. F. Waddy, three being scored off it. In Hopkins's next over Armstrong drove one to the fence past Diamond, who fielded badly. He also hit another to the boundary in the same over, this exhibition of lively, vigorous cricket being loudly cheered. At 221 Garnsey relieved Hopkins, and off his first ball Armstrong, with a lofty hit for 2, brought his score to 100 amidst a demonstration of enthusiasm. He had been in an hour and 50 minutes. The field was spread out, and Armstrong's strokes were several times stopped just off the boundary. Laver played a very careful innings, letting Armstrong do the scoring. He had been in a quarter of an hour before making anything. At 225 Noble took the ball from Garnsey and bowled a maiden over. Armstrong brought his score to a century and a quarter by a pretty glance to the boundary off Cotter. At 261 he just touched the ball off Noble to mid-off. He and his partner started to run, and midway decided to turn back. Noble threw the ball at Laver's end, but missed the wicket. At the luncheon adjournment the score stood at 262 for the loss of six wickets.

On resuming, three overs were bowled for 8 runs, after which Laver asserted himself and hooked Cotter to the boundary, and in the next over he drove Noble to the fence. Shortly afterwards Noble was advised by barrackers to "bowl at the wicket." He took this advice, and next ball clean bowled Laver. 7—26—282. Carkeek, one of whose hands had been injured while wicket-keeping, joined Armstrong, who forthwith hit Cotter to the boundary. At two minutes past 3 Carkeek drove Cotter for 3, bringing the Victorian score to 300, after four hours and a half batting. At 302 Garnsey took the ball from Cotter. Play was slow for a time. At length Armstrong hit one from Noble to leg for 2, and brought the score to the same figure as New South Wales' first innings—313—and the crowd cheered loudly. After driving one to the fence, Carkeek was caught by Diamond off Garnsey behind the bowler. 7—21—317.

Hazlitt next went in, and a minute afterwards Armstrong, with a stroke for 2 off Noble, brought the 150 to his credit amidst much enthusiasm. Hazlitt had a short life, he being caught by Noble off Garnsey at mid-on. 9—0—323. Saunders filled the vacancy, and after making one was clean bowled by Noble. Armstrong carried out his bat for the fine total of 168. He was greeted with wild cheering on returning to the pavilion. His score included 18 fours, and the innings, which yielded 339, lasted 3 hours 50 minutes.

With 196 to get to win, New South Wales went in, Duff and Diamond opening to Hazlitt and Saunders. The latter bowled well for the first few overs, averaging 1 run per over. Duff then got two fours in one over off Hazlitt, one to the on and the other was a glance to fine leg. Duff was soon afterwards caught by Saunders at mid-off off Hazlitt. 1—18—26. Hopkins filled the vacancy, and after 50 minutes' play the half-century appeared on the board. Here Armstrong took the ball from Hazlitt, and at 85 Warne relieved Armstrong, but runs still came freely. Armstrong then bowled vice Saunders, and his fourth ball was hit to the fence by Diamond, who was playing good sound cricket. Laver then took Warne's place with the ball. These frequent changes were unavailing for some time, and after an hour and ten minutes' batting the century was hoisted. At 116 Warne was tried in place of Armstrong, and Diamond made 3 with a snick off his first ball. Hopkins drove him for 4, and was clean bowled next ball. His excellent innings included five fours. 2—48—125.

Macartney went in, but was soon dismissed, being stumped by Carkeek off Warne. 3—6—133. E. L. Waddy was the next man. Diamond played riskily, running out to hit Warne, and this at length proved fatal, he being stumped by Carkeek. 4—62—148.

Hickson filled the vacancy. At 172 Saunders took the ball from Laver, and clean bowled E. L. Waddy with his second ball. 5—17—172. Rev. E. F. Waddy followed, and after making one he was bowled by Warne. 6—1—177. Garnsey joined Hickson, but Warne bowled him next ball. 7—0—177. Two wickets had fallen for one run, and the crowd cheered excitedly, though New South Wales had only nine to make and three wickets in hand. Cotter was next man in, and was caught by M'Alister off Warne without scoring, and tremendous cheering followed. With three to make to win, Noble went in. Hickson hit two off Warne, and followed by another two off the same, and the game was won by New South Wales by two wickets and two runs.

VICTORIA.—First Innings, 133.

Second Innings.

Vaughan, b Cotter	9
Warne, run out	27
M'Alister, c and b Garnsey	26
Carroll, c E. L. Waddy, b Hopkins	17
Rush, run out	12
Ransford, b Hopkins	13
Armstrong, not out	168
Laver, b Noble	28
Carkeek, c Diamond, b Garnsey	21
Hazlitt, c Noble, b Garnsey	0
Saunders, b Noble	1
Sundries	9
Total	339

Bowling Analysis.—Cotter, 174 balls, 3 maidens, 100 runs, 1 wicket; Noble, 160 balls, 12 maidens, 46 runs, 2 wickets; Macartney, 102 balls, 3 maidens, 48 runs; Garnsey, 120 balls, no maidens, 87 runs, 3 wickets; Hopkins, 72 balls, 2 maidens, 40 runs, 2 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings, 313.

Second Innings.

Duff, c Saunders, b Hazlitt	18
Diamond, st Carkeek, b Warne	62
Hopkins, b Warne	48
Macartney, st Carkeek, b Warne	6
E. L. Waddy, b Saunders	17
Rev. E. F. Waddy, b Warne	1
Garnsey, b Warne	0
Cotter, c M'Alister, b Warne	0
Hickson, not out	27
Noble, not out	0
Sundries	8
Eight wickets for	187

Bowling Analysis.—Hazlitt, 48 balls, 1 maiden, 34 runs, 1 wicket; Saunders, 78 balls, 4 maidens, 46 runs, 1 wicket; Armstrong, 36 balls, 1 maiden, 26 runs; Warne, 54 balls, 1 maiden, 50 runs, 6 wickets; Laver, 48 balls, 1 maiden, 26 runs.

New South Wales won by two wickets and two runs.

The match was a splendidly contested one. The closeness of the finish calls to mind other exciting battles. It was anybody's game up to the last over. Armstrong played a really great uphill innings, and with Warne, who did some very good bowling, almost had the satisfaction of seeing victory snatched for his side at the last moment. Such games as this will do cricket a lot of good, especially in Victoria. Hopkins has played himself in his best form; he is in excellent scoring trim this season.

JUNIOR MATCH.

N.S.W. v VICTORIA.

EMERY, 163.

HOME TEAM VICTORIOUS BY AN INNINGS AND 250.

This match was brought to a conclusion ten minutes before 6 o'clock yesterday, and the result was a win for New South Wales by an innings and 250. The home eleven's innings closed for exactly 500, and Victoria were dismissed for 133 and 117—half of their opponents' total. Emery, who was 94 not out, concluded his effort at 163, against which can be urged but one chance—behind the wicket at 140. It was a particularly meritorious display. He possesses many strokes, and though the majority of them are well executed, there is no doubt that he would be much improved by a few seasons in company with our leading players, particularly with regard to the ball which should be left alone. He is not frightened to go at the bowling, and times well. Others who did well yesterday were Eaton, Campbell, and Loudon. The Victorians started to wipe out 367 rather badly. There were three wickets for 10, all secured by Hanks, the fast bowler, who to this stage had accounted, for the match, for seven for 21. Swan and Speechley saved a collapse, and they were going nicely when the latter was run out. After this the end soon came. Swan remained not out 46, which score might have been curtailed by the presence of a "silly" point and a "silly" mid-on. Hanks, Campbell, and Phelps got the wickets. Hanks bowls fairly fast for a time, but he also would be the better for a little coaching. He would acquire more pace with less exertion and better results and would last longer if he took more run to the bowling crease. The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

F. Wright, b Curwood	5
G. Macintyre, b Henry	60
A. Phelps, b Henry	21
W. Loudon, lbw, b Scott	73
A. W. Emery, b Curwood	163
A. Desaix, lbw, b Scott	12
R. Eaton, st G. Honeybone, b Swan	51
C. Campbell, not out	56
C. Bowler, lbw, b Curwood	16
C. Lee, b Curwood	0
A. Hanks, b Scott	13
Sundries	30
Total	500

Bowling.—Speechley, one wicket for 25; Greensill, none for 53; Swan, one for 60; F. Honeybone, none for 17; Henry, one for 72; Scott, three for 70; Curwood, four for 85; Naylor, none for 43; Kennedy, none for 45.

VICTORIA.—First Innings, 133.

Second Innings.

G. Honeybone, b Hanks	2
F. Honeybone, b Hanks	4
C. Henry, b Hanks	0
E. P. Kennedy, c M'Intyre, b Lee	11
W. Scott, b Phelps	4
E. Swan, not out	47
J. Curwood, b Phelps	1
R. Speechley, run out	26
L. Nayler, c Wright, b Campbell	2
T. Greensill, b Campbell	5
A. Shipp, c Hanks, b Campbell	4
Sundries	11
Total	117

Bowling.—Hanks, three wickets for 21; Emery, none for 19; Phelps, two for 17; Lee, one for 11; Bowler, none for 22; Eaton, none for 4; Campbell, three for 12.

The visiting team will be entertained at a harbour excursion this afternoon.

VICTORIA DEFEATS SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The match between teams chosen by the Victorian Junior Association and the Adelaide and Suburban Association was continued on the Collingwood ground to-day, and was won by the home team by five wickets. There was a fair attendance. The South Australians led on the first innings by 22, scoring 114 to the Victorians' 92, and at the close of Wednesday's play had lost two wickets for 14. J. Bennett batted splendidly, and scored 49 before he was cleaned bowled by the Victorian skipper, F. Colechin. J. Williams (21 not out) and H. S. Berriman (19) also batted well for the visitors. The innings realised 131. D. Carroll (North Ports) bowled best for Victoria, his slows being most effective, and his average was five for 50. The Victorians in their second innings got 159 for five wickets. J. Craven batted for two hours, and scored 79 not out. He made his runs in good style, and hit two fivers, both off Giffen. The South Australians will leave for Sydney to-morrow to play against a team representing the New South Wales Cricket Union on Monday and Tuesday.

CHURCH MATCH.

N.S.W. v QUEENSLAND.

The interstate match between teams representing the New South Wales and Queensland Presbyterian Church Cricket Association was brought to a close on the Redfern Oval on Boxing Day. The result was a win for New South Wales by 161 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

QUEENSLAND.

First innings 103

Second Innings.

Junner, c Morris, b Murphy	0
Thompson, b Moore	11
Alderdice, lbw, b Murphy	9
Petrie, b Willis	31
Crawford, run out	16
Brown, b Bruce	40
Wotton, b Willis	16
Douglas, c Hinds, b Shiels	0
Horn, b Willis	8
Williams, b Shiels	3
Ferguson, not out	27
Sundries	4
Total	157

NEW SOUTH WALES.

First Innings.

Rodgers, c Junner, b Ferguson	0
Grace, b Wotton	113
Willis, b Wotton	22
Riley, b Ferguson	60
Morris, b Wotton	1
Lindsey, b Ferguson	23
Cain, st Horn, b Ferguson	6
Bruce, b Ferguson	0
Shiels, c Horn, b Thompson	22
Hinds, c and b Wotton	2
Murphy, not out	4
Sundries	6
Total	264

Bowling.—Ferguson, five wickets for 87 runs; Thompson, one for 30; Wotton, four for 51; Williams, none for 22; Alderdice, none for 28; Petrie, none for 30; Brown, none for 20.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENTAL MATCH.

A match between the locomotive workshops of the New South Wales and Victorian railways was begun on the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 yesterday. The visitors were dismissed for 240, and New South Wales lost four wickets for 79. The teams consist of 13 a side. Scores:—

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

C. Lindsay, c Jordan, b Langley	42
A. Mills, c Jordan, b Gray	2
W. O'Shea, c Toby, b Langley	16
J. Sandells, b Wiley	63
R. Davidson, b Langley	5
F. Newgreen, b Langley	16
V. Sandells, run out	16
A. Legge, run out	37
W. Jones, b Wiley	0
M. Gunn, c Jordan, b Wiley	9
H. Smith, b Wiley	0
J. Fayle, not out	17
R. Caldwell, b Wiley	6
Sundries	11
Total	240

Bowling.—Langley, four for 44; Toby, none for 36; Gray, one for 50; Wiley, five for 39; Lindsay, none for 13; Bossley, none for 28; Donnan, none for 14.

N.S.W.—First Innings.

G. Brisbane, st Caldwell, b Fayle	28
W. Douglas, b Fayle	6
H. Gray, not out	21
W. Langley, run out	0
W. Lindsay, b J. Sandells	19
G. Jordan, not out	0
Sundries	5
Four wickets for	79

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

By express train to-day members of the South Australian team left for the annual trip to Melbourne and Sydney. Those on the train were:—C. J. Chittleborough (manager), Gehrs, Claxton, Pellew, O'Connor, McBeath, Wright, McRae, Mayne, Dolling, B. Townsend, and L. R. Hill. In Melbourne J. S. Rees will join the party.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At a meeting of the selection committee of the Victorian Cricket Association the following players were selected to represent Victoria against South Australia on Saturday on the Melbourne Ground:—W. W. Armstrong, W. Carkeek, E. V. Carroll, G. Hazlitt, E. Goss, T. Horan, P. McAlister, T. Rush, J. V. Saunders, F. Vaughan, T. Warne; emergency, batsman J. Ainslie, bowler F. Collins.

ENGLISH AMATEUR CRICKET TEAM.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

MATCH AGAINST WELLINGTON.

A DRAWN GAME.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The match, English Team v Wellington, was resumed this morning. The visitors were all out for 259. Wellington required 253 runs to win, and lost five wickets for 148 when the match was drawn. The scores were:—

ENGLISH TEAM.—First Innings, 204.

Second Innings.

Johnston	19
Harrison	7
Burns	50
Page	61
Branston	12
Simpson-Hayward	48
May	0
Fox	15
Torrens	2
Douglas, not out	17

Wynyard was absent, injured.

WELLINGTON.—First Innings, 211.

Second Innings.

Hickson, c Fox, b Branston	8
Collins, b May	23
Cobcroft, b Branston	0
Mahony, not out	42
Williams, c Branston, b Harrison	14
Beechey, b Branston	5
Tucker, not out	50
Sundries	12
Five wickets for	148

Bowling.—May, one for 38; Branston, three for 82; Harrison, one for 8.

The Englishmen will begin a match against Canterbury to-morrow.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY.

The Christmas celebration by the Charity Organisation Society was marked by a diminution of applicants and donations. The former may be accounted for by the general prosperity of the State, and the latter by the announcement that the Government would distribute £2000 amongst all the benevolent societies of the State. This no doubt greatly influenced the usual flow of private charity, but although the society did not participate in the Government grant it was enabled by the assistance of a few friends to provide a Christmas dinner for 60 families in their own homes.

NEWCASTLE.

BARQUE HELIOS, FROM PERU.

GALES AND WATERSPOUTS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

During part of the voyage from the West Coast the German barque Helios, commanded by Captain Bodmann, which arrived here yesterday, encountered gales. The Helios sailed from Lobos d'Tierra, off the coast of Peru, on October 16 in ballast for Newcastle. Fine weather was experienced until about 30 days out, after which the vessel fell in with a succession of gales. Early one morning, when in the vicinity of the Marquesas group, in 140deg. W., the barque ran into a moderate gale, which, however, lasted only a few hours, giving place to an unusual calm. The surface of the ocean was as smooth as a sheet of glass, hardly a ripple being visible. The barque lay becalmed for some hours, when suddenly, with only a few minutes' warning, a terrific squall struck the vessel, throwing her on her beam ends. This was but the prelude to a fierce gale, which swept down on the vessel, and heeled her over on her side, until it was impossible to walk upright on the decks. The gale was so sudden that there was not time to reef sails, and all the light canvas was blown to shreds. The Helios flew before the force of the storm, all attempts to come up into the wind being futile. For some hours the barque was in danger of capsizing, and, to add to the peril of the ship's company, several huge waterspouts were seen approaching. One of these columns of water swept past the stern about half a mile distant, and a few minutes later another rushed by dangerously close to the ship, much to the consternation of those on board. Shortly afterwards the gale moderated slightly, and topsails were close-reefed. For several days the wind blew with hurricane force, and tremendous seas were running before the gale terminated. The voyage then to the coast of New South Wales was made in good time, but here strong southerly gales were encountered until port was reached. The Helios will load West Wallsend coal for the West Coast.

GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Newcastle Girls' Grammar School took place on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Canon Luscombe presided, and the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Rev. Dr. Stretch, distributed the prizes. The principal, Miss Brownlie, B.A., read the report, giving details of the year's work. It stated that the school was well represented at the University and other examinations, pupils being successful at the University matriculation examination in March, and the University junior examination, at which a pupil won the University silver medal for physiology. At the London College of Music examination another pupil won the silver medal for the State in advanced senior section, and pupils were successful in the A.L.C.M., advanced senior, intermediate and junior sections (honours). Good work had also been done in painting and drawing under the tuition of Mr. Moore-Jones. The Bishop of Newcastle in an address regretted the absence of Mrs. Stretch through illness. He was pleased to be present, as he and Mrs. Stretch had always taken an interest in the school. He advised the pupils to take full advantage of their opportunities, for they could never make up for lost time. Although education did not stop with schooldays it was at school that they laid the foundation-stone of thoroughness and accuracy. He congratulated the Misses Brownlie and pupils, and wished them a continuance of success. The Bishop presented the Misses Brownlie and Miss Cowley on behalf of the pupils with suitable gifts as tokens of affection. A musical programme was rendered.

ARRIVAL OF THE BEECHLEY.

The steamer Beechley, commanded by Captain Forsyth, arrived in port to-day, after a passage of 35 days from Valparaiso. Fine weather was met with until about 200 miles off the Australian coast, when a strong southerly gale was encountered. The Beechley will take in bunker coal and proceed to Sydney for docking.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Moira, s, for Rockhampton and Brisbane, via Sydney, with general cargo; Chillagoe, s, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 120 tons bunker coal; Volador, bqtn, for Wellington, with 81 piles, 315 pcs timber.

Y.M.C.A. COMPETITIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The athletic gathering of the various Young Men's Christian Associations of the Australian States was continued to-day. In a cricket match between Brisbane and Sydney, the former team scored 394 under four hours. R. Newman got 199 in less than three hours. He hit 29 fours and one six, and was caught on the boundary by Nichol, who effected a very fine running catch. Fowles made 53 in good style. The Sydney team lost three wickets for 66.

CANADA'S DESTINY.

Sensational developments are quietly taking place in Canada which, unless speedily appreciated in their true significance and checked by a definite move on the part of the Imperial Government, says Mr. W. Richmond Smith, writing in the "Standard," may within comparatively few years result in:—(1) Commercial reciprocity between the Dominion and the United States, an arrangement which would make the realisation of the Imperial policy enunciated by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain difficult of accomplishment, if not absolutely impossible. (2) The gradual absorption of Canada by the Republic through the creation of a community of commercial and financial interests, with the severance of British connection as the logical outcome.

In making a broad statement of this kind one is always, more or less fairly, open to are accusation of being an alarmist, especially in the mother country, where matured national conditions call for conservatism in the conduct of the nation's affairs. It must be remembered, however, that a totally different set of primary conditions exists in Canada, with its enormous unpopulated area and vast undeveloped natural resources. In addition, the country is at present in a state of rapid evolutionary development. There are no fixed conditions. Everything is in a state of more or less continual change. A nation—how great a nation even those best qualified to speak hesitate to say—is being born. The Candian people are given credit in the mother country for being loyal to British connection. They are now, and have been for half a century, under conditions which have led up logically to a parting of the ways. The time is now at hand when Canada must choose her future course. The sentiments of the people, pride in their British origin, love of British institutions, and hope in the future of the Empire to which they belong, bind them closely to the motherland. But the population of Canada is changing—changing month by month and year by year—as square mile after square mile of fertile prairie lands is being made the productive home of an alien population. Under such conditions, it is obvious that ties of sentiment only will not, and cannot, hold Canada to her allegiance to the British Empire.

There has not been a time in the history of the colony since Montgomery fell in his futile attempt to capture the citadel at Quebec when the United States has not tried to encompass the absorption of Canada. So long as force was used or threatened, so long as unfair and oppressive restrictions upon the trade between the two countries were made the means, the Dominion was absolutely safe to the British Crown from any attempt. But within the past few years a new and far more insidious movement towards absorption has gained a dangerous strength. This movement had its birth when the far-sighted financial and commercial operators in the United States began to appreciate Canada's enormous future possibilities. Millions of American capital have been invested in speculative enterprises, with a faith in the future of the country which even Canadians themselves did not possess. Many of these enterprises have already proved enormously productive. This has led to still greater investments, until to-day it is acknowledged by those who know that the United States capitalist has done more, and is doing more, towards the exploitation of the country's natural resources than the capitalists of all other countries put together. It may be fairly contended that private capital is generally invested with a view principally to private gain, and not to further any national propaganda, and that the extent of the investment of United States private capital in Canada is due more to the contiguity and similarity of the fields of investment in the two countries than to any generally recognised purpose of bringing about absorption. All this may be quite true, but, even without attributing any ulterior national motive to the movement, the inevitable results are sufficiently startling to warrant serious consideration.

On all sides there are indications that public opinion is tending towards the conviction that the "great series of reforms" for which so much has been claimed do not rest upon the solid basis of exhaustive preliminary inquiry or command the support of the naval service. These changes fundamentally affect the present and future efficiency of our "first line of defence"; they involve radical departures from methods of training and administration which have been proved by long experience to be well adapted to the requirements of peace and war. Such changes ought not to have been made without thorough investigation.—"Spectator."

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

NOWRA, Thursday.

Mr. James Giles, who died on Christmas Eve, in his 80th year, led a seafaring life as a young man, and obtained a master's certificate. He was subsequently engaged in business for a long time in connection with the old city firm of Thompson and Giles, from which he retired some fifteen years ago and purchased Hodgkinson's well-known farm at Forest Lodge (Meroo), Nowra. His wife died early this year. He leaves a grown-up family of three sons and three daughters.

TICK QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

Information is to hand that the tick quarantine restrictions at Tweed Heads have been removed, to the extent of allowing working horses to come in and out. Business people at the Heads are gratified that the regulations have been altered.

TWEED RIVER BAR.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The steamers Duranbah and Friendship were unable to get out over the bar at Tweed River till this morning, having been barbound since Saturday. The bar is rapidly increasing, and if something is not done soon it may form a complete block to navigation.

THE CHURCHES.

BATHURST, Thursday.

Bishop Camidge has appointed the Rev. W. Vaughan Rose, rector of O'Connell, to the position of rural dean of the Bathurst diocese.

PORTLAND, Thursday.

A most successful industrial and art exhibition was held here in aid of the funds of the Methodist Church on Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings. The attendance each evening was good, and the objects of the function will be materially advanced.

YASS, Wednesday.

At St. Clement's Church of England on Christmas Day Canon Martin, on behalf of the rector, officers, and teachers of the Sunday School, presented Mrs. E. T. Mulligan, who is leaving for Moree, with a teacher's Bible in recognition of her services on behalf of the school.

LOCHINVAR, Thursday.

A gold watch and chain, and several other articles of jewellery, were recently stolen from a bedroom at the residence of Mr. Onus, of St. Helena. Yesterday a pair of gold-framed spectacles were taken from the parlour of the local hotel.

WALCHA, Wednesday.

A pleasing ceremony took place on Monday, when Mr. K. Mitchell, post and telegraph master here, was presented with a purse of sovereigns by the country members of the telephone exchange, for careful attention to his duties and their interests in connection with the telephone. Mr. J. A. Niwison made the presentation, and Messrs. W. Fletcher and P. J. and A. T. Fenwicke spoke in eulogistic terms.

HOLIDAY IN THE COUNTRY.

CALEDONIAN SPORTS.

LISMORE, Thursday.

At the Caledonian sports yesterday the results were:—125yds Race.—W. Collier, 16yds, 1; T. Scully, 16yds, 2; N. Jordan, 12yds, 3; L. Bartram, 17yds, 4. Bicycle, 1m.—S. Burtinshaw, 250yds, 1; E. Wright, 120yds, 2; G. Rogers, 250yds, 3. Time, 3m 38s. Youths, ½m.—R. Carlill, 15yds, 1; C. Lawrence, 20yds, 2; B. Burtinshaw, scr, 3. Three-quarter Mile.—G. Rogers, 130yds, 1; A. J. Taylor, 100yds, 2; L. Martin, 140yds, 3; Jack, 115yds, 4. Quarter-mile.—Reilly, 55yds, 1; Entick, 20yds, 2; Carlill, 45yds, 3. Time, 52½s. Piping.—Pibroch: D. M'Swan. Marches: A. Kilgour. Reels and strathspeys: D. M'Swan. Lady piper: Miss C. Somers. Dancing.—Highland fling: A. Kilgour, 1; H. Hann, 2. Gillie Callum: A. Kilgour, 1; H. Hann, 2. Hornpipe: Kilgour, 1; A. Irvine, 2. Jig: Kilgour, 1; G. Corkerill, 2. In the juniors, Isa Windsor, F. Atkins, S. Brown, B. Bryant, S. Livingstone, F. Harley, A. Robinson, M'Cann won the prizes. Best-dressed Highlander.—W. Martin and A. M'Clean divided. Best-dressed lassie: Isa Windsor. Best-dressed laddie: H. Quilty.

Putting the Stone.—F. Ryan, 40ft 7in, 1.
High Jump.—M. Walker, 5ft 2in.
Hop, Step, and Jump.—P. Walker, 1.
Pole Vault.—L. King, 1.
Throwing the Hammer.—C. Clark, 83ft 6in, 1.
Tossing the Caber.—Clark, 1; T. Ryan, 2.

SPORTS AT TINGHA.

TINGHA, Thursday.

Sports were held on the racecourse yesterday. Results:—Opening Handicap Footrace, 100 Yards.—Dean, 1; Saunders, 2; Allen, 3. Opening Wheel Race, Half-mile.—E. Thomas, 1; F. C. Thomas, 2; Skinner, 3. Tingha Club Handicap Footrace.—Dean, 1; Carter, 2; Saunders, 3. Tingha Wheel Race.—E. Thomas, 1; F. C. Thomas, 2; E. Gray, 3. Quarter-mile Footrace.—Farnant, 1; Dean, 2. Tug-of-War.—Melbourne Cope's Creek Dredge, 1. Wood-cutting Competition.—Squires, 1; Tuckwell, 2. Youths' Cycle Race.—Barnett, 1; Long, 2; Thomas, 3.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Allandale sports yesterday were attended by nearly 4000 persons. The chief events resulted:—Sheffield Handicap.—Whittington, 12½yds, 1; Broadstock, 8yds, 2; A. J. Flowers, 10yds, 3. Hurdle Race.—Cunnew, 6yds, 1; Allen, 11yds, 2; Reece, 13yds, 3. 220yds Handicap.—V. Robert, 13½yds, 1; James, 16yds, 2; O'Donnell, 15½yds, 3.

BULLI, Wednesday.

Crowds of people visited Bulli, Thirroul, and Bellambi during the holidays. The annual Oddfellows' picnic at Bulli was largely patronised.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

The Mount Hunter sports and church annual gathering were a great success. The bicycle road race, 14m, resulted:—H. Fletcher, 125yds, 1; C. H. Clark, 175yds, 2. Youths' Bicycle Road Race: R. Bidman, scr, 1; C. Rofe, 30yds, 2. Sheffield Handicap: H. M'Donald, 38yds, 1; W. Taplin, 34yds, 2; M'Coy, 20yds, 3. Open Footrace: B. Boardman, 16yds, 1; D. Rankin, 5yds, 2; Butler, 17yds, 3.

CLARENCE TOWN, Thursday.

Boxing Day was celebrated by aquatic sports at Dungog and athletic sports at Wallarobba, while at Clarence Town the local cricketers were defeated by a Glebe team by 51 runs. Glebe, first innings 189 (S. M'Cloy 41, H. Bosward 35, C. Hogue 31, J. Ranshaw 21); second innings (M'Cloy 47, R. Ranshaw 32, J. Ranshaw 31, N. Cotter not out 30). Total, 201. Clarence Town, first innings 245 (G. Ebbeck 63, S. Holmes 48, S. Robards 43); second innings 94.

COOMA, Thursday.

A large number of tourists and residents visited Murrumbidgee and other district streams during the holidays. Several good hauls of trout were made.

CORAKI, Thursday.

The holiday passed off under very favourable weather conditions, a strong southerly breeze blowing, with low temperature. Excursion steamers ran to various parts of the river, and were well patronised.

DAPTO, Wednesday.

A large influx of visitors visited Lake Illawarra and other beauty spots in the district.

KATOOMBA, Thursday.

All the hotels and boarding-houses were taxed to the utmost to provide accommodation for visitors during the holidays.

KIANDRA, Thursday.

The weather during the holidays was beautifully fine, and there was a large number of tourists. The highest temperature was 65 deg. Boxing Day was celebrated by horse races, which were largely attended, and the playing of the Adaminaby Band, under Bandmaster Allen, was much appreciated. In the evening a concert was given in aid of the band, and was a success.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

About 5000 persons attended the Caledonian sports, and about 1000 visited Coleman's Point. Showers in other parts of the district kept a good many persons away.

MITTAGONG, Thursday.

The weather during the holidays was glorious. The town was full of visitors.

MOREE, Thursday.

The Volunteer Fire Brigade held a grand gaslight carnival last night on the cricket ground oval, which was brilliantly illuminated. Over 800 persons were present. The entertainment realised £25. The brigade recently purchased appliances at a cost of £150.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The holidays passed off quietly. Heavy rain fell on Christmas Eve, and for three or four days previously. On Boxing Day the weather was fine and cool, and sports were held at Condong and Tumbulgum.

ORANGE, Thursday.

On Boxing Day the chief local event was the Foresters' sports on the show ground, where a long programme of athletic sports was gone through, terminating with a continental and ball at night. The total takings amounted to £290.

SOFALA, Thursday.

Sofala Racing Club held its annual meeting on Boxing Day. All the events were well patronised, the attendance being large and the weather delightful.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

Following the rain on Christmas Day, the weather was chilly, necessitating fires in many houses. The annual public races were held to-day.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The Kurrajong Trotting Club's races and the Wiseman's Ferry sports yesterday were well attended. On Christmas Day the inmates of the H.B. Asylum were provided with the orthodox English dinner of roast beef and plum pudding by the committee of the society, and creature comforts and pipes and tobacco were supplied by ladies interested in the institution, for which thanks were returned by one of the inmates.

AMUSEMENTS.

HAYMARKET HIPPODROME.

On Boxing Night an audience of more than 3000 people attended the Haymarket Hippodrome, when the drama, "Transported," was played. To-night a new Irish drama, "In the King's Name," will be produced. Matinees will be held to-morrow afternoon and on New Year's Day.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The report of the Prince Alfred Hospital for the week ended December 22 is as follows:—Number of beds, 318; number of in-patients at last report, 290; since admitted, 95; discharged, 79; died, 6; remaining in hospital on December 22, 300. Number of out-patients treated during the week, 588; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 338—total, 961. Six cases of enteric fever.

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A SENSATIONAL COLLISION.

IN CHERBOURG HARBOUR.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST.

The last English mail brought details of the sensational collision, already briefly reported by cable, between the mammoth liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the fleet of the Nord-deutscher Lloyd, and the British steamer Orinoco, belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which took place during a dense fog in Cherbourg Harbour on the evening of the 21st ult. There were 1400 passengers on board the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse when the collision occurred, just as the vessel was leaving the roadstead. The shock was tremendous, and a panic arose immediately among the passengers of both ships. From both the Orinoco and the Kaiser Wilhelm boats were immediately lowered. It was discovered that the German liner had an enormous rent on the starboard bow, while the Orinoco's bows were badly stove in. The damage done is estimated at £50,000.

There were pitiful shouts from the emigrants on the Kaiser Wilhelm, where the loss of life was four. Ten persons in the steerage were badly injured. The passengers of the German liner, fearing that the ship was sinking, hastened into the boats. A large tug, the Seine, going out to meet the Orinoco, came to the assistance of both vessels. Both steamers were detained at Cherbourg for urgent repairs and a brief maritime inquiry by the French authorities.

The injured passengers were transferred to the Cherbourg Town Hospital. One hundred and thirty of the Kaiser Wilhelm's saloon passengers were transferred to the French liner Lorraine; the remainder, cabin and saloon, to the American liner St. Paul. The Orinoco's passengers were transferred to the Magdalena.

At the time of the collision a fog prevailed. Both vessels were moving dead slow, but the momentum of these huge ships was sufficient to cause all the damage. Had one or the other been moving at speed, a great catastrophe must have happened.

The panic on board the Orinoco among the women passengers was such that they clung to members of the crew, hindering them in the work of lowering the boats. One woman jumped into the sea, and was rescued with difficulty. Three of the crew were found to be missing on the roll being called.

The panic on board the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was indescribable, especially forward among the third-class and steerage passengers. One poor little fellow, aged 11, named Stevier, who was asleep in a bunk, was literally ripped open during the collision. He died in the Cherbourg Hospital in great agony.

The Orinoco was slowly entering the West Channel just as the German liner started out of the roadstead. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse crashed into the Orinoco on the starboard bow, completely demolishing the forecastle and twisting the starboard anchor plates to such an enormous extent that it was impossible for the Orinoco to proceed.

The German liner had 45ft of her starboard plates torn away above the waterline to a height of 15ft, laying bare several compartments. But this was repaired sufficiently to allow the vessel to proceed. Not so the Orinoco, whose damage extended 3ft above the waterline, necessitating docking at Cherbourg.

HOW POPLAR WAS PAUPERISED.

Mr. Davy, the Chief Inspector of the Local Government Board, who inquired into the Poplar Union scandals (says the London "Daily Mail"), has written a damning indictment of labour and socialistic wastrelism in his report published as a Blue Book on November 8. His points are:—

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., and Mr. Lansbury, the Labour leaders, dominated the Board of Guardians. The administration was less in the interest of the ratepayers than a campaign for labour and socialist views. Expenditure was increased to show that equalisation of rates in London was necessary. The pauperisation of the inhabitants is due to a deliberate policy. Some guardians were guilty of misconduct. There was great want of business capacity. There is no charge whatever against the personal integrity of Mr. Crooks and Mr. Lansbury.

After explaining the circumstances which led to the public inquiry, Mr. Davy proves that Poplar is not the poorest part of London. His conclusions on the evidence are:—

The practice of the guardians drinking with their officers is open to much objection. The evidence as to contracts leaves little doubt that certain contractors were assisted in their tenders by someone from inside. It might be worth an employer's while to pay the heavy rates in Poplar, because a reserve of cheap and convenient labour was maintained out of those rates upon which he could draw when he pleased. Out-relief not only perpetuates the system of casual labour, but tends to keep wages down. An unpleasant feature was the account of the treatment of the Municipal Alliance (or reform) guardian at the hands of his colleagues. The guardians' policy has never been concealed. It is contended that the electors endorsed that policy, but in 1904 there were contests in only six wards out of fourteen, and in these only 5523 voted out of 13,573. "Mr. Lansbury's point of view may be fairly represented by saying that he considered himself as an advocate of a policy first and a representative of the ratepayers afterwards." It was for the guardians wisely and justly to administer the law, and not to use the money of the ratepayers to "redress social inequalities." "In improving the condition of the aged and infirm workhouse inmates, the Poplar guardians have done no more than many other boards of guardians. The evidence suggests that in later years the guardians deliberately increased their expenditure with a view of making it evident that additional contributions from the rates of the whole metropolis were an absolute necessity for the Poplar district."

"Only 10 of the 24 guardians are 'Labour men,' but the views of the leaders have dominated the whole board. Mr. Lansbury explains this by saying that he and Mr. Crooks 'overawed the other guardians by their sweet reasonableness.' In 1891 the rate of pauperism of Poplar was the same as that of London. Last year, while the rate of London had only slightly increased, that of Poplar had nearly trebled. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that both the rise and the decrease in pauperism were mainly due to the deliberate action of the guardians; and that the absence of thrift and economy which characterised their general administration was also in a great measure deliberate. Under the electoral conditions which prevail at Poplar neither the individual guardians nor their chances of re-election were materially affected by an increase of rates, and they were free to pursue their ulterior aims without much personal loss. It is to be feared that the demoralisation which must accompany lavish grants of relief will long be felt in the district. The helpless position of the people who pay rates, and who in many cases are little better off than the recipients of relief, is quite pathetic. While Mr. Crooks and Mr. Lansbury derived no personal profit, they must still be held in no small degree responsible for the effects of a policy which has led to the pauperisation of great numbers of the inhabitants of the district, to a subsidising of women's casual labour, with the inevitable growth of sweating and of starvation wages, and to an increase of the expenditure, which has inflicted much hardship upon struggling tradesmen and others. They cannot be wholly exonerated from a certain responsibility for the sordid misdoings of some of their colleagues.

"It is quite clear that all the guardians were aware of the misconduct of the master, and that they were all parties to the action of the guardians in so far condoning his offence as to make it possible for him to retire on a pension to which he was not entitled."

The use of the term "Wastrel," which has been universally applied to the socialists, progressives, and other municipal spendthrifts, is becoming so widespread that it is interesting to read the following account of the derivation of the word and its use in various parts of England, which has been provided for us by a distinguished scholar:—

"Wastrel" is properly a substance thrown away because it is useless. It is used for rubbish and refuse.

In law it is the term employed for waste land. For instance, the land in Cornwall covered with tin refuse from the mines is said to "lie in wastrel."

About twenty years ago the practice sprang up of calling persons—such as the "submerged tenth" or neglected children—"wastrels," because they were of no use.

Also, in some part of England a spendthrift is called a "wastrel." It is especially so used in Yorkshire and Cumberland. A "wastrel-shop" (in Yorkshire) is a place where work is expensively and yet badly done.

The idea of waste runs through the word in all its significance. A knife that is made for show and not for use is called a wastrel. And in Lancashire, crooked, cheap dishes and plates sold by wandering potmen are generally called "wastrels."

The growth of that mysterious family of baby-worlds whose orbits are situated between those of Mars and Jupiter still continues, and in No. 4128 of the "Astronomische Nachrichten" are published particulars of the new members discovered in the period July 30, 1905–June 21, 1906. It appears that 32 have been added to those previously known, most of which are due to the systematic exploration of the heavens by the staff of the Konigstuhl Observatory, Heidelberg. This brings the total number of known minor planets up to 601. The new arrivals follow each other so quickly, in fact, that the work of giving them permanent names is very much in arrear, and at present 39 are still awaiting more dignified designations than the numbers provisionally allotted.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

Mr. E. J. Kavanagh presided at a meeting of the Sydney Labour Council in the Trades Hall last night.

A telegram was read from Mr. M. Hannah, M.L.A., of Victoria, asking what amount had been raised by the Sydney unions in support of the Melbourne building strike fund. The telegram stated that the strike was as far off from settlement as ever.

The president announced that three of the unions had guaranteed £45, and that a further sum was expected. The announcement was received with cheers, and it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the chairman.

A letter signed "Socialist" was read, in which it was stated that a firm was paying an able-bodied man 17s per week only to carry out the duties of watchman. It was stated also that many other men were working under similar conditions, and that the employers would not rectify the injustice until forced to do so.

The matter was referred to the organising committee for investigation and report.

A letter from the Political Labour League asked that the council affiliate with it, and thus have the right to be represented on the league.

On the motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was resolved to affiliate.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 47 years, 49.047.
Average for 48 years, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 46.202.
Total rainfall from Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec. 27, 31.854.
Total for corresponding period of previous year, 34.615.
Temperature: Maximum, 73; minimum, 55; 9 p.m., 65.
Barometer: 9 a.m., 30.103; 3 p.m., 30.047; 9 p.m., 30.172.
Humidity: 9 a.m., 58; 3 p.m., 54; 9 p.m., 68.
Wind: Greatest velocity for past 24 hours, 18 miles per hour.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.95; Geraldton, 29.99; Perth, 29.98; Esperance Bay, 29.81; Eucla, 29.98; Streaky Bay, 30.12; Adelaide, 30.21; Robe, 30.23; Portland, 30.24; Melbourne, 30.23; Gabo Island, 30.11; Cape St. George, 30.04; Newcastle, 30.12; Port Macquarie, 30.13; Clarence Heads, 30.03; Brisbane, 30.01; Rockhampton, 29.96; Mackay, 29.98.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Camden Haven 23 points. Rain recorded on December 25: At Bodalla 131 points.

SCOPE OF RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Rainfall recorded at only one station, i.e., Camden Haven 23 points.
Victoria.—Light at a few southern stations.
Western Australia.—Heavy at Kimberley and between Cape Leeuwin and Albany.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Fine and pleasant throughout.
Victoria.—Fine over northern, cloudy over southern districts, showery on south-east coast.
Tasmania.—More or less cloudy, and in southern parts showery.
Queensland.—More or less cloudy in coastal parts.
South Australia.—Fine throughout, cloudy along coast.
Northern Territory.—More or less cloudy generally.
Western Australia.—Generally unsettled, and in tropics showery.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heigths above summer level of the inland rivers on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 5ft 1in; Balranald, 11ft 5in; Bingara, low; Boggabilla, 1ft 1in, f; Booligal, 3ft; Bourke, 6in, f; Brewarrina, 3ft 9in, f; Condobolin, 2ft; Dubbo, 3ft 6in; Euabalong, 4ft 3in; Euston, 22ft 7in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 4ft; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 4ft 5in; Hillston, 1ft 9in, f; Kunopia, low; Louth, 3ft 10in, f; Menindie, 9ft 8in; Moama, 21ft 5in; Mogil Mogil, 3in, f; Moulamein, 7ft 5in; Mungundi, 3ft 1in; Narrandera, 10ft 3in, f; Pooncarie, 11ft 5in; Tilpa, 3ft, f; Tocumwal, 10ft 7in; Wagga Wagga, 5ft 2in; Wentworth, 17ft 7in; Wilcannia, 6ft, f; Yetman, 1ft; Barwon River at Walgett, 5ft 6in; Namoi River at Walgett, 3ft 5in; Manilla, low.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Byron Bay, S, cloudy, sea rough; Ballina, ESE, strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Nambucca Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, NE, moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Manning Heads, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Barranjoey, ENE, fresh, fine, sea slight; South Head, ENE, light, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, SE, strong, thick, misty rain, sea moderate; Ulladulla, S, light, showery, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S, light, misty rain, sea smooth; Moruya, S, moderate, gloomy, sea slight; Eden, SW, light, cloudy, fine, sea slight; Green Cape, S, fresh, cloudy, fine, sea slight; Gabo Island, SW, light, cloudy, fine, sea slight.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Isolated showers on coast and Blue Mountains, otherwise fine generally; southerly to easterly winds.—H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—Fine and becoming warmer, especially inland; SE to NE winds, and sea breezes near the cast, sea slight to moderate.—P. Baracchi.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DEC. 28.

Sun rises at 4.45, sets at 7.9; moon, 5.1 p.m., 2.42 a.m.; Mercury, 3.26 a.m., 5.35 p.m.; Venus, 2.41 a.m., 4.17 p.m.; Mars, 1.15 a.m., 2.28 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.5 p.m., 4.58 a.m.; Saturn, 9.52 a.m., 10.50 p.m.

Full moon, December 31.

High water at Fort Denison, 6.45 a.m., 7.8 p.m.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The principal rainfalls in the 48 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

North: Ayr 40 points, Balfe's Creek 34, Bloomsbury 282, Bowen 57, Burketown 97, Cape York 100, Cardwell 150, Chillagoe 70, Clare 66, Clarke River 355, Eton 130, Georgetown 30, Geraldton 115, Gilbert River 36, Halifax 150, Herberton 37, Homestead 173, Ingham 112, Inkerman 57, Irvinebank 262, Junction Creek 125, Karumba 86, Kuranda 46, Lucinda 311, Mackay 132, Macrossan 230, Maytown 131, Macdonnell 72, Miram 130, Mt. M'Connell 33, Musgrave 27, Palmerville 30, Pentland 220, Port Douglas 58, Ravenswood Junction 325, Richmond 59, Sellheim 112, Tate River 40, Thursday Island 72, Townsville 122, Walkerston 328, Walsh River 121.

Central: Aramac 80 points, Banana 48, Bauhinia Downs 30, Blackwater 90, Camboon 74, Collaroy 123, Duaringa 23, Emerald 41, Emu Park 102, Gindie State Farm 105, Gladstone 240, Marlborough 107, Miriam Vale 106, Mount Morgan 121, Nebo 222, Pine Hill 82, Port Alma 388, Raglan 178, Rockhampton 198, Rolleston 76, Rosedale 260, Springsure 25, Stanwell 44, St. Lawrence 85, Twin Hills 90, Urandangie 23, Walton 68, Westwood 30, Yaamba 95, Yeppoon 164.

South: Allora 100 points, Beaudesert 124, Beenleigh 50, Bell 115, Boonah 245, Booral 82, Bundaberg 100, Cambooya 55, Childers 69, Clifton 61, Dalby 93, Dinmore 65, Dugandan 240, Durah 173, Eidsvold 85, Emu Vale 78, Engelsburg 221, Ernest Junction 110, Esk 48, Gayndah 86, Goodwood 53, Goondiwindi 75, Harrisville 130, Hawkwood 81, Hendon 110, Howard 75, Ipswich 51, Kenilworth 116, Kilkivan Junction 84, Killarney 85, Laidley 110, Landsborough 70, Leyburn 38, Mapleton 56, Milmerran 100, Mount Perry 80, Nerang 72, Oxenford 130, Pittsworth 61, Pratten 73, Riverview 65, Roma 51, Toowoomba 53, Warra 70, Warwick 80.

For the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. to-day:—

North: Balfe's Creek 35 points, Bowen 28, Cairns 176, Charters Towers 137, Chillagoe 42, Halifax 387, Homestead 44, Ingham 185, Inkerman 37, Kuranda 58, Lucinda 100, Macrossan 570, Mount M'Connell 108, Musgrave 148, Palmerville 173, Queenton 137, Ravenswood Junction 40, Sellheim 122, Thornborough 31, Walkerston 25.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Tathra.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Monaro, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Hobart (direct).—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 11 a.m.
Melbourne.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Bombala, noon.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Mahene, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Corinthic, noon.
Macleay River and Byron Bay, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
Batavia and other Java Ports, via Adelaide.—Itzehoe, 9.30 p.m.
Shortland Islands, Solomon Islands, Port Moresby and British New Guinea Ports, Samarai, and Hall Sound, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Malaita, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Eden, 1 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies, via Brisbane.—Guthrie, 3.45 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 7 p.m.
Noumea.—F.M.S. Nera, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, noon.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, noon.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Oroya, noon.
R.M.S. Oroya (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, noon.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Oroya, noon.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, noon.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, noon.
Coff's Harbour, Coff's Harbour Jetty, and Byron Bay.—Noorebar, noon.

WEDNESDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Hobart (direct).—Westralia, 10 a.m.
Auckland, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Manuka, 2 p.m.
Tonga and Samoa, from Auckland.—Navua, 2 p.m.
Dunedin, etc. (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Afric, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

The truth is that the rise of the German fleet has been supported in a spirit of hostility to this country; that Germans set no limit to their dreams of maritime power; that the strength of our Navy is the main obstacle between them and their chief ambitions; that they are building hard, training well, and looking far ahead; and that if Germany could succeed in constructing a fleet capable of disputing the seas with ours, or in forming such a coalition as was hoped for before the entente cordiale, the existence of the British Empire would not be worth a year's purchase. Prince Bulow gives us our motto, "Toujours en vedette."—"Outlook."

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 27.

Uganda, s, 5306 tons, Captain P. L. Wedge, R.N.R., from Calcutta, via Singapore, Tjilatjap, Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Passengers—Messrs. W. Smith, Johnson, Bechant, Burt, Gosens, Sutherland, Brookson, Vine, Caton, and Stein. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Indian Monarch, s, 4383 tons, Captain Patey, from New York, via St. Vincent's, Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne. G. A. Parkes, agent.

Bramley, s, 4290 tons, Captain Gray, from New York, via Albany and Melbourne, en route to New Zealand. Dangar, Gedye, and Co., agents.

Mayflower, bqtn, 124 tons, Captain Dernier, from Maryborough. Nelson and Robertson, agents.

Pyrmont, s, 213 tons, Captain Lundie, from Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s, 1351 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Eden, s, 668 tons, Captain Walker, from Eden, via ports. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Mareeba, s, 1747 tons, Captain C. A. Thorpe, from Melbourne. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain R. B. Davis, from Byron Bay, via ports. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Winfield, s, 3215 tons, Captain Thomsett, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 792 tons, Captain Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Woollahra, bq, 941 tons, Captain Andreesen, from Kaipara, N.Z. H. M'Kenzie, Ltd., agents.

Hawk, s, 140 tons, Captain Phillipson, from Port Stephens, via Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Illawarra, s, 322 tons, Captain Swanson, from Bateman's Bay. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 27.

Suva, s, for Fiji, via Noumea.
Karori, s, for Strahan, via Kembla.
Nardoo, s, for Adelaide, via Newcastle.
Ouraka, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Fiona, s, for Clarence River.
Moorabool, s, for Newcastle.
Chillagoe, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 28.

Tainan, s, for Melbourne; Malaita, s, for Solomon Islands and New Guinea, via ports; Marloo, s, for Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, and Warrnambool; Coolgardie, s, for Brisbane and ports north to Cairns; Illawarra and S.C. S.N. Company's steamer for Wollongong and Kiama; Illawarra, s, for Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Clyde River, and Nelligen; Eden, s, for Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Bermagui, and Tathra; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour and Nowra; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya (direct), Narooma, and Wagonga; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford and Wyong; Erina, s, for Gosford, Woy Woy, and Brisbane Water; Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Hastings, s, for Macleay River.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 27.

Suva, s, 2229 tons, Captain W. H. M'Lellan, for Noumea, Lautoka, Suva, and Levuka. Passengers—Mr. H. Best, Mr. F. Lord, Mr. D. B. Smith, Mrs. Goodare, Mrs. and Miss Favenc, Mr. T. Royne, Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, Mr. M'Donald, Mr. J. Stephenson, Mr. W. E. Ireland, Miss Brierley, Miss Falvey.

Ouraka, s, 4392 tons, Captain W. H. Roberts, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain W. A. Butcher, for Adelaide, via Newcastle.

Tainan, s, 2360 tons, Captain Lindbergh, for Melbourne.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 27.

Indian Monarch, s, from New York, via ports: 25 brls 65 tres beef, 60 hhds tobacco, 125 brls grease, 50 cs files, 40 cs nails, 1060 brls lub. oil, 40 cs hex. oil, 120 brls resid. oil, 32 cs drugs, 65 cs axes, 52 cs staves, 50 cs c. registers, 600 drs calc. carbide, 780 pkgs agrl. machinery, 115 kgs dry colour, 33 cs surg. dressing, 31 cs chairs, 200 tubs putty, 120 brls tan extract, 50 cs paint, 240 bdls wire, 510 bls paper, 20 cs sandpaper, 24 cs medicine, 2 cs s. machines, 2000 bdls wire, 20 cs leather, 200 cs cartridges, 22 cs guns, 80 crs flypaper, 280 bdls rims, 40 cs blacking, 50 cs ovens, 20 cs candy, 200 cylinders, 24 cs marble, 24 cs confectionery, 11 cs lanterns, 15 bxs scales, 20 cs t. paper, large quantity general merchandise and sundries.

Bramley, s, from New York, via ports: 100 bls wrapping paper, 800 bls roofing paper, 40 cs 1200 bls other paper, 120 brs and bdls steel, 110 cs tobacco, 820 bdls wire, 50 cs cereals, 16 cs slates, 3500 rls b. wire, 14 pkgs artificial leather, 67 pkgs paper bags, 41 cs varnish, 1148 bdls pipes, 12 cs choppers, 20 cs shells, 430 pkgs windmill material, 50 brls naphthaline, 136 cs lamps, 62 pkgs machinery, 15 cs firearms, 236 pkgs agricultural machinery, 227 cs cartridges, 26 cs bottles, 36 cs bolts, 105 pkgs nails, 17 cs spokes, 10 brls shoe paste, 200 brls resin, 100 cs condiments, 43 pkgs butr. dishes, 50 cs fire extinguishers, 20 cs candy, 20 kgs horseshoes, 61 cs pumping machinery, 165 crts ruberoid roofing, 122 bgs paint, 64 cs boxes, 50 cs typewriters, 12 kgs oil, 24 cs clocks, 410 cs steel plates, 220 cs coachaline, 50 brls glucose, 25 bgs clay, 100 cs turpentine, 43 cs tiles, 37 bdls oars, 60 cs separators, 240 pkgs lawn mowers, 50 pkgs wringers, 42 cs lifts, 35 bdls washboards, 30 cs handles, 50 pkgs oats, and a quantity of timber and sundries.

Uganda, s, from Calcutta, via ports: 180 cs condiments, 300 bgs beans, 240 cs and bgs wax, 750 bxs candles, 3100 bdls gunnies, 24 cls rope, 140 bdls and pcs planks, 10 cs shellac, 300 crts 2200 pkgs tea, 20 bgs turmeric, 125 cs 100 drms oil, 25 bgs pepper, 740 bgs tapioca, 125 bgs sago, 160 bdls rattan, and cargo for other ports.

Moorabool, s, from Melbourne: 640 bgs sugar, 40 cs ales, 285 cs brandy, 10 cks 12 brls oil, 44 cs tobacco, 600 bgs malt, 43 bls strawboards, 20 bdls springs, 21 cs confectionery, 60 cs medicine, 20 brs steel, 20 pkgs bedsteads, 10 cs cyanide, 26 cs cylinders, 26 pkgs castings, 1650 tins kerosene, 50 drums sulphur, 33 bgs hides, 15 cs stationery, 170 bls hay, 15 cs nails, 26 cs tiles, 80 cs fruit, 20 cs par. wax, 10 cs sauce, 80 cs bottles, 10 drms paint, 1900 bgs chaff, 60 bdls 40 bls bags, 35 cs soap, 40 bxs candles, sundries, and timber.

Allinga, s, from Brisbane: 107 bgs sugar, 80 cs pines, 66 crts melons, 120 cs fruit, 25 cs bananas, 45 cs jam, 35 cks eggs, 40 crs vegetables, 31 cs skins, 400 bgs hides, 10 cs sinews, 560 bls wool, 30 cks pitch, 18 bdls handles, 41 bgs oysters, 36 ov. lids, 73 cs bottles, 110 doors, 50 bgs ore, and sundries.

Marloo, s, from Brisbane: 656 bgs 1012 pks sugar, 2306 bchs bananas, 212 bgs bones, 690 cs pines, 51 bgs ore, 80 bls wool, 140 cs fruit, 45 bgs oysters, 117 pcs w. mill. parts, 720 bdls b. handles, 110 cs jam, 12 cs melons, and sundries.

Coolgardie, s, from Melbourne: 910 quarter-cases 287 cs fruit, 13 bgs bacon, 82 cs tiles, 122 bgs malt, 20 bdls bags, and sundries.

Nardoo, s, from Adelaide: 20 cs whisky, 31 bgs salt, 1200 bgs chaff, and sundries. For Newcastle: 1120 bgs chaff, and sundries.

Chillagoe, s, from Adelaide: 127 bgs barley, 123 flagstones, 3500 bgs chaff.

Mayflower, bqtn, from Maryborough: 70,160ft and 630 bdls sawn timber.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: Dec. 27, Suva, s, for Suva, via Noumea; Helen Denny, bq, for Wellington, via Newcastle; Mayflower, sch, for Maryborough; Inverness, bq, for Falmouth; Marloo, s, for Melbourne; Coolgardie, s, for Brisbane and ports north to Cairns; Tambo, s, for Norfolk Island and New Hebrides; Barbarossa, G.M.S., for Bremen, via ports.

The barque Alexander Craig, which arrived here with a cargo of timber from Kaipara on Wednesday, and anchored in the stream, will, at 6 o'clock this morning, be removed to a berth at the Austral Timber Company's Wharf. Upon completing discharge she will proceed to Newcastle to load coal for Auckland.

The China Navigation Company's steamer Tainan will be despatched from Sydney at 8 o'clock this morning for Melbourne, in continuation of her voyage from Japan and China.

The following reports were received yesterday from the coastal harbours:—Ballina, 19ft on bar, 13ft on inside channel at high water; Bellinger Heads, 7ft 9in on bar at high water; Camden Haven Heads, 7ft on bar at high water; Forster, 6ft 10in on bar at high water, morning tide.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ortona, from London, bound to Sydney, left Melbourne yesterday, and will, therefore, be due here early to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S. Victoria, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Adelaide from Melbourne at 12.45 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 2 p.m. for Fremantle.

The R.M.S. Oroya will be despatched from Sydney at noon to-morrow for London, via the usual ports of call.

The R.M.S. Miowera, from Vancouver, bound to Sydney, left Suva, Fiji, yesterday for Brisbane.

The R.M.S. Moana, from Sydney, bound to Vancouver, left Brisbane early yesterday morning, and passed out of Moreton Bay at 7.10 a.m.

The F.M.S. Nera, from Marseilles, bound to Sydney and Noumea, arrived at Adelaide yesterday from Fremantle.

The F.M.S. Dumbea, which sailed from Marseilles on the 19th inst for Sydney and Noumea, left Suez at 8 a.m. on Tuesday last, and is due at Colombo on Jan. 8, at Fremantle on Jan. 18, and at Sydney on Jan. 25.

CARGO OF THE PORT JACKSON.

Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co. report that the training ship Port Jackson, which will sail early in the new year on her return voyage to London, will ship the following cargo:—9000 bales wool, 300 tons tallow, 100 tons shell (ammunition), 100 tons naval stores, 100 tons tyres, 400 tons iron ore, and 108 tons powder.

THE PACIFIQUE DUE ON SUNDAY.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Pacifique was despatched from Noumea for Sydney at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and will therefore be due here on Sunday next.

THE RIMUTAKA AT CAPETOWN.

A private cablegram received last evening stated that the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Rimutaka, which left Plymouth on December 1, arrived at Capetown on Saturday last, 22nd inst, en route to New Zealand ports, via Hobart.

THE MOTOR GEM AT MELBOURNE.

The petrol-driven ferryboat Motor Gem, specially designed and built for the Port Melbourne-Williamstown service, safely arrived at Melbourne yesterday from Sydney. She left here on Sunday last, and, deducting the stoppage at Eden, accomplished the run in 57 hours—an average speed of 10 knots.

THE GOTHIC AT HOBART.

The Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's steamer Gothic, which sailed from London on Nov. 15, and from Capetown on Dec. 8, for Wellington and Lyttelton, arrived at Hobart at 8.40 a.m. yesterday.

THE VANCOUVER TO LOAD AT NEW YORK.

The steamer Vancouver has been chartered by the United States and Australasia S.S. Company to load general cargo at New York for Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane. A cable received yesterday by Mr. G. A. Parkes, the local agent for the company, stated that the Vancouver will commence loading on January 25.

THE RUNIC AT LONDON.

A cable message received yesterday by the managing agents for the White Star line, Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., states that the steamer Runic arrived at London on Saturday last. She sailed from Sydney on Oct. 31, from Melbourne on Nov. 6, and called at Capetown on the 1st inst.

THE STAR OF AUSTRALIA AT ADELAIDE.

The Tyser liner Star of Australia arrived at Adelaide on Wednesday from London direct, after a voyage of 43 days. She will subsequently make calls at Melbourne and Sydney, prior to sailing with the balance of her cargo for New Zealand ports.

THE BRAMLEY, FROM NEW YORK.

The steamer Bramley, now trading on behalf of the American and Australian line, arrived at Sydney yesterday from New York with part cargo of general merchandise, and after being granted pratique berthed at Woolloomooloo. The Bramley sailed from New York on Oct. 12, and made a prolonged voyage to Albany, where she called to replenish her coal supplies. The passage from Western Australia was resumed on Dec. 13 for Melbourne, which port was reached on the 20th inst., and was left again on the 24th.

THE AUSTRASIA TO LOAD WHEAT.

Early this morning the British four-masted barque Austrasia, which has been lying in Sydney Harbour since Sept. 30 last, will be removed from her anchorage off Double Bay to a berth at Darling Island to commence loading wheat on behalf of Messrs. James Bell and Co. for the United Kingdom.

THE DOWAN HILL SPOKEN.

Our Hobart correspondent telegraphed last night:—"The Union steamer Warrimoo reports having spoken the four-masted barque Dowan Hill, bound from London to Sydney, on December 27, in long. 149.56 East. The Dowan Hill is now 90 days out from London, with a cargo of general merchandise for Sydney and Newcastle.

THE INDIAN MONARCH, FROM NEW YORK.

The steamer Indian Monarch, running under the auspices of the United States and Australasia S.S. Company, Limited, arrived here from New York at 4.10 yesterday morning, and was subsequently berthed at No. 5 wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, to discharge. She will sail again to-morrow with the balance of her cargo for Brisbane.

THE SWANHILDA TO LOAD WHEAT.

The four-masted barque Swanhilda, which arrived here in ballast from Valparaiso on Wednesday morning, has been chartered to load wheat here on behalf of Messrs. J. Bell and Co. for the United Kingdom. The Swanhilda is at present lying at the back of Garden Island.

THE UGANDA, FROM CALCUTTA.

The British India Company's steamer Uganda entered Sydney Heads at 11.7 a.m. yesterday from Calcutta, via Singapore and Java and ports, and anchored in Watson's Bay for medical inspection. Upon being granted pratique, she proceeded up the harbour at 1.15 p.m., and berthed at Parbury's wharf to discharge.

THE SCOTTISH MONARCH LEAVES NEW YORK.

The local representative of the United States and Australasia S.S. Company (Mr. G. A. Parkes) was yesterday in receipt of a cable advice notifying the departure of the new steamer Scottish Monarch from New York on Monday last, 24th inst, with a general cargo of merchandise for Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

THE PERSIC LEAVES LIVERPOOL.

The managing agents for the White Star line (Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd.) were yesterday advised by cablegram of the departure of the steamer Persic from Liverpool on Sunday last, 23rd inst. She is due at Capetown on Jan. 11, at Albany on Jan. 26, at Adelaide on Jan. 31, at Melbourne on Feb. 2, and at Sydney on Feb. 10.

THE DAMASCUS LEAVES PLYMOUTH.

According to a cable message received yesterday by Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., managing agents for the Aberdeen line, the steamer Damascus left Plymouth on Monday last for Sydney, via Capetown and ports. She is due at Capetown on Jan. 14, at Melbourne on Feb. 3, and at Sydney on Feb. 8.

THE SCHULAU, FROM TOCOPILLA.

The German ship Schulau, 58 days out from Tocopilla, in ballast, bound to Sydney to load a cargo of wheat on behalf of W. R. Cave and Co., for the United Kingdom, will arrive here at an early hour this morning. She passed Seal Rocks in tow of a tug at 5.45 a.m. yesterday, and signalled Port Stephens at 11.50 p.m. and Newcastle at 3 p.m. The Schulau is a vessel of 1457 tons, and is commanded by Captain Schoon.

ISLAND SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

Our Fiji correspondent cabled yesterday that the steamer South Australian, which sailed from Sydney on the 17th inst., for a cruise among the islands of the Fiji group, arrived at Suva yesterday.

The A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Suva was despatched from Sydney last evening for Lautoka, Levuka, and Suva (Fiji), via Noumea (New Caledonia).

The barquentine Ysabel, which left New Zealand some time ago on a cruise to the Friendly Islands, returned to Auckland yesterday from Niue, otherwise known as Savage Island.

The steamer Malaita, of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s island mail line, will be despatched from the Federal Wharf at noon to-day for the Solomon Islands and British New Guinea.

NEW CHARTERS.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson have received advice of the following new charters:—

Indrawadi, s, from Australia to U.K. and Continent.
Sierra Miranda, sh, from South Australia to U.K. and Continent.
Torridon, sh, from South Australia to U.K. and Continent.
Primus, sh, from Melbourne to U.K. and Continent.
Ancon, bq, from London to Sydney and Newcastle.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The Altona is at Hamburg; the Apolda left Hamburg November 22, outward; the Augsburg left Hamburg December 10, outward; the Bergedorf left Hamburg December 16, outward, due Melbourne February 8; the Berlin arrived Sourabaya November 18, homeward; the Bielefeld left Adelaide December 22, homeward; the Duisburg left Singapore November 13, homeward; the Elbing is at Hamburg; the Essen left Adelaide November 27, homeward; the Flensburg arrived Macassar November 16, homeward; the Harburg left Townsville December 2, homeward; the Itzehoe arrived Adelaide December 24, outward; the Kiel left Antwerp December 13, outward, due Fremantle January 25; the Laeisz left Algoa Bay December 22, outward, due Melbourne January 11; the Linden is at Sydney; the Magdeburg left Adelaide December 18, homeward; the Meissen is at Hamburg; the Oberhausen left Algoa Bay December 8, outward, due Melbourne December 27; the Offenbach left Suez December 16, homeward; the Ottensen left Fremantle December 15, homeward; the Rostock is at Hamburg; the Solingen left Antwerp December 7, outward, due Melbourne January 24; the Sonneberg left Adelaide November 27, homeward; the Varzin is at Sydney; the Alster (chartered) arrived Melbourne December 19, fourth Scandinavian steamer; the Goslar (new) left Melbourne December 24, homeward; the Hagen (new) left East London December 19, outward, due Fremantle January 4.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Oonah is due this evening from Hobart.
The Manuka is due to-day from Auckland.
The Kaituna arrived at Napier on Tuesday from Newcastle.
The Wakatipu left Launceston at 9 a.m. yesterday for Sydney, via Eden.
The Whangape arrived at Timaru from Newcastle at noon on Thursday.
The Moeraki arrived at Wellington at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.
The Maheno is due this evening from Wellington and sails at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Friendship, s, at 6.20 a.m., Duranbah, s, at 6.40 a.m., both for Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (321 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Brundah, s, at 7.20 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Dec. 27, Duranbah, s, at 2.30 p.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Allinga, s, at 4.20 p.m., north.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Brundah, s, at 4.30 p.m., south.

BELLINGER (230 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Phil Forbes, ketch, at 6 a.m., from Wollongong. Dec. 27, Rosedale, s, at 6.32 p.m., Bellingen(?) (too much sea on bar).

NAMBUCCA HEADS (225 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Nerong, s, at 5.40 a.m., from Sydney.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (200 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Annandale, ketch, at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Tomki, s, at 2 p.m., Kallatina, s, at 5 p.m., Noorebar, s, at 5.20 p.m., all north; Annandale, ketch, at 10 a.m., Mintaro, s, at 5.40 p.m., both south.

TACKING POINT (160 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Peregrine, s, at 5.15 p.m., south.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Bellinger, s, at 5.35 p.m., north; a large steamer with white funnel with black top, at 5.55 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Electra, s, at 6.45 p.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Tuncurry, s, at 5.25 a.m., from Sydney. Dec. 27, Alice Temple, ketch, barbound.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, a large ship in tow at 8.40 a.m., Kyogle, s, at 11 a.m., Symboida, s, at 1.25 p.m., all south.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Moira, s, at 7.30 a.m., Hawk, s, at 12.15 p.m., both south; Fiona, s, at 7 p.m., Kincumber, s, at 1.15 p.m., both north.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Moorabool, s, Derwent, s, Sophia Ann, s, Namoi, s, Allinga, s, Nardoo, s, Chillagoe, s, Sydney, s, Dorrigo, s, Macleay, s, Cooloon, s, Duroby, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Duckenfield, s, Antiope, bq, Auriga, sch, all from Sydney; Moira, s, from Brisbane; Brisbane, s, from Melbourne; Dauntless, s, and Hawk, s, both from Port Stephens; Nymboida, s, from Clarence River; Beechley, s, from Valparaiso. Dep: Dec. 27, Newcastle, s, Derwent, s, Hawk, s, Chillagoe, s, Moira, s, Helen Nicoll, s, all for Sydney; Indian Empire, bq, for Valparaiso; Stormking, s, and Lily, s, both for Port Stephens; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour; Duroby, s, for north; Kincumber, s, for Manning River; Hankin Isle, bqtn, for Auckland; Macleay, s, for Clarence River; Dorrigo, s, for Tweed River.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: December 27, Calgabba and Betsy, ketches, at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Brisbane, s, at 8.50 a.m., north.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Currajong, s, at 4 p.m., Bega, s, at 5 p.m., Beagle, s, at 6 p.m., all from Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Kiama, s, at 8 p.m., from Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Coomonderry, s, at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, a large steamer at 4.30 a.m., Marrerba, s, at 5 a.m., a steamer with a yellow funnel at 1.10 p.m., Illawarra, s, at 2.40 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Illawarra, s, at 4 a.m., from Wollongong.

MORUYA HEADS (141 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Howard Smith liner, at 2.20 p.m., north; Narooma, s, at 4 p.m., south.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, Era, s, at 6.15 a.m., Dilkera, s, at 2 p.m., Bombala, s, at 4.45 p.m., all north.

GABO (238 miles).—Passed: Dec. 27, a three-masted ship at 3 p.m., north; Westralia, s, at 5.35 a.m., south; H.M.S. Challenger, at 9.18 a.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Passed outwards: A steamer with a white funnel with a black top, at 1.35 a.m., a steamer with a yellow funnel with a black top, at 4.5 a.m., Barrabool, s, at 5 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Motor Gem, ferryboat, Beira, s, and Hawkes Bay, s, all from Sydney; Kadina, s, from Newcastle. Dep: Dec. 27, Marn, J.M.S., and Ortona, R.M.S., both for Sydney; Kawatiri, s, for Strahan; Eastern, s, for Sydney, Geelong.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Gothic, s, at 8.40 a.m., from London, via Capetown. Dep: Dec. 27, Oonah, s, for Sydney.

LOW HEAD (500 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, Wakatipu, s, at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Victoria, R.M.S., from the eastern States; Maréchal de Noailles, French bq, from Liverpool; Nera, F.M.S., from Marseilles. Dep: Dec. 27, Victoria, R.M.S., for London; Andorra, s, for Sydney.

PORT PIRIE (1238 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Brisbane, s, from Newcastle; Cane Corrientes, s, from Brisbane.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: Dec. 27, H.M.S. Encounter, for Fremantle.

FREMANTLE (2486 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Yongala, s, from the eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Ysabel, bqtn, from Niue (Savage Island).

NAPIER (1423 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Kaituna, s, from Newcastle.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, Port Denison, s, from Sydney; Ferdene, s, from Newcastle.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA (1784 miles).—Arr: Dec. 27, South Australian, s, from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 27, Miowera, R.M.S., for Sydney, via Brisbane, en route from Vancouver.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Epping pony and galloway fixture of the 19th inst., and which was postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather, takes place this afternoon, when the customary transit arrangements by trams to Forest Lodge will be in vogue. The first event is timed for 2.30 p.m., and reduced prices of admission have been made for the final meeting of the club.

The Ascot Racing Club has received 87 nominations for the pony and galloway meeting to be held on Monday next, the 31st inst.

The Kensington Racing Club holds its final race meeting under the old regime to-day, when an interesting programme will be played out. The usual transit arrangements by special and ordinary trains will be in vogue, and the first race will be started at 2.15 p.m.

Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son announce through our business sheets that they will submit to auction at noon to-day the trotters Yellow Jack, Boori, and Epping Belle, also the racing mare Elm (15.0), by Farewell.

At the settling over the A.J.C. Summer Meeting yesterday, at City Tattersall's Club, Mr. H. Roarty, the owner of the Summer Cup winner, Tatterdemalion, invited the members to join him in a glass of wine. The chairman (Mr. J. Clarke) proposed the health of Mr. Roarty, who suitably responded to the toast.

At the Ascot pony and galloway race meeting yesterday five of the six winners were piloted by the jockey Killorn.

The prize money distributed at the December meeting of the Australian Jockey Club aggregated £1463, of which Lucinna placed £379 to the credit of Mr. J. J. Macken, Soreen earned £188 for Mr. T. F. Scully, and Biopo was equally successful for Mr. Hunter White; Corfu secured £150 for Mr. C. Jeffries, Coraki £154 for Mr. E. Donovan, Veronique £134 for Mr. T. J. Hendrick, Pompous £60 for Hon. A. Wynne, Banzai £50 for Mr. S. J. Hendrick, Dantzic £30 for Mr. J. C. Williamson, Maltsterdelle £25 for Mr. W. T. Nowlan, while Lady Dunmore and Graceton secured a like amount each for Messrs. J. C. Smith and E. A. Shiels respectively. The other amounts were Messrs. I. Earnshaw £20, H. Roarty £15, Messrs. G. W. Eaton, J. Gough, and T. J. Neirikor £10 each.

Messrs. W. Inglis and Son report the sale of Automatic, by Autonomy from Little Wanger (who has been running in the Maitland district), at a satisfactory price to Dr. Ewan Fraser.

Argoon Picnic R.C. (March 22), Crookwell J.C. (January 28), Armidale Turf Club (January 1), Binalong Licensed Victuallers (January 1), Tambar Amateur Picnic Turf Club (January 26) and Woodstock J.C. (January 30), race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

The success of Tatterdemalion in the Summer Cup places Mr. H. Roarty at the head of the winning owners' list for the A.J.C. Summer Meeting, and Mr. W. T. Nowlan secured a similar sum by Maltsterdelle's win in the December Stakes; Mr. I. Earnshaw's share of the spoil was £273, won by Arlington in the Flying Handicap. Rose Ray credited Mr. Leslie Forest with £262, Banzai Mr. S. J. Hendrick with £257, and Barbican earned a like sum for Mr. J. Burton; £100 each fell to Messrs. G. Martin and J. A. Mayo for the positions of The Owl and Rosemead in the December Stakes and Summer Cup respectively; while Messrs. H. White, A. E. Smith, J. C. Williamson, J. Mayo, and W. Swailes got £50 each, and £25 each went to Messrs. J. Barnes and S. M. Wilson. The prizes disbursed for the reunion totalled £2761.

Horses bred in this State were successful at the principal meetings held on Boxing Day in Victoria, Western Australia, and Queensland. Prestonpans, by Lochiel from Crossfire, by Goldsbrough, won the Shoobra Hurdle Race at Caulfield, and at the same meeting Lady Orzil, by Orzil from Grafton Lady, was successful in the Juvenile Stakes. The West Australian Derby was won by the Widden-bred colt Benbow, by Grafton from Sequel, by Chester; while at Brisbane Prior, by His Reverence (imp.) from Tuileries, bred by Mr. Francis Foy, secured the Newmarket Handicap, and Ninyas, by Gossoon from Nineveh, bred by Mr. S. Hordern, annexed the Juvenile Handicap.

Particulars of the race for the Derby Cup, in which the New South Wales bred horse, Great Scot, ran second to Lord Derby's filly, Gourd, are to hand by last English mail. There were a dozen starters. Manaton started favourite at 1 to 1, 9 to 1 could be got about the Australian Cup winner, while Gourd figured among the 25 to 1 division. Gourd, to whom Great Scot was conceding 19lb, led from the jump to the judge's box, and won by a dozen lengths from Great Scot, the mile and six furlongs having been covered in 3m 10 4-5s.

Col. Hall Walker has sold the brood mare Do On—dam of the champion two-year-old Polar Star—in foal to Gallinule—to Mr. G. A. Prentice for £4000. Mr. Prentice intends to leave the mare in Ireland, and she will next season be mated with the successful sire Desmond—son of St. Simon and L'Abbesse de Jouarre. Desmond was little thought of until his progeny demonstrated that they could gallop, but when the last mail to hand left England his list for the coming season was full at a subscription of £145.

By winning the well-endowed Derby Cup, the Persimmon filly Gourd increased her sire's already substantial lead on the winning stallions' list, his grand total being 31 wins for £21,732, of which Gourd was responsible for £1979, and Plum Tree for £3017; Ladas follows with 31½ wins, value £19,860; then Gallinule, 31 wins, value £16,214; Carbine—exclusive of his French winnings—22 wins, value £16,043; Ayrshire, 14 wins, value £14,520; Love Wisely, 29½ wins, value £14,179; Isinglass, 31½ wins, value £13,521; Marco, 22½ wins, value £13,486; Dinna Forget, 11 wins, value £12,346; Cyllene, 26½ wins, value £12,118; Florizel II., 22 wins, value £11,049; Wildfowler, 6 wins, value £9921; Desmond, 24½ wins, value £9472; Matchmaker, 29 wins, value £9216; and St. Frusquin, 37½ wins, value £9157.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, the well-known American millionaire, heads the list of winning owners in France with the handsome total of £49,196, due to the victories of the undefeated Prestige and Maintenon, the winner of the Derby and Prix du Conseil Municipal, etc. Next comes M. Lieux, with not quite half that amount. M. Caillault is third with £21,469, preceding M. Edmond Blanc and the Duke de Gramont. MM. E. Veil-Picard, Ephrussi, and Prat claim about £8000. M. Gaston-Dreyfus takes the largest amount of breeders' premiums (£1480), consequent upon Maintenon's successes, while M. Edmond Blanc claims £480. George Stern tops the list of winning jockeys with 126 victories, and then follow Bellhouse (84), Ransch (74), Milton Henry (68), Cormack (61), J. Reiff (60), G. Bartholomew (48). Le Sagittaire—thanks to Maintenon—heads the list of winning sires with over a million francs, preceding Flying Fox and Perth with nearly half that sum. Maintenon is the first on the list of winning horses in France with about £33,000, preceding Spearmint (£10,000), and then come Elder, Prestige, Punta Gorda, Sais, and Glouglou II.

The following additional licenses for racecourses have been issued:—Yass Picnic Race Club, Quirindi, Peelwood, Junee, Cato, Overton, and Burraga.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

While running in the Koornang Welter at Caulfield on Wednesday, Zaza was galloped on, and will not be able to race again for some time.

St. Free has been blistered, and is to be given a good spell.

The Caulfield Cup winner Murmur has become the property of S. D. Fisher, senr., who is making an effort to get him into racing trim again.

A. M'Phee, who sustained concussion of the brain through Daisy falling with him at Caulfield on Wednesday, will, it is expected, be well enough to leave the Prince Alfred Hospital to-morrow.

There has been no straight-out betting over either the Standish or Bagot handicap, but a few doubles were backed during to-day's settling. The favourite double was True Scot and Tulkeroo, a comparatively short price being accepted. The other horses, in addition to True Scot taken for the Standish Handicap were Riversdale, Miss Bobby, Menschikoff, and Corroboree, while, in addition to Tulkeroo, Red Streak and Charmant were backed for the Bagot Handicap.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING NOTES.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

While the settling was taking place this afternoon there was some betting on the Perth Cup. Charles Stuart was well backed, as was Scorcher, who held the position of favourite, Charles Stuart and Baerami being next in demand. Durbar eased considerably.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

WALLSEND, Thursday.

The second day's programme of the Wallsend Jockey Club's Christmas race meeting was run off this afternoon. The weather was fine and cool, and the attendance large. Results:—

Trial Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3 sovs from the prize, 6f.—Mr. E. J. Brubin's br m Creso, by Orzil—Cressida, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (Johns), 1; Mr. R. J. Hector's b g Electrum, 5yrs, 7st 4lb (Thompson), 2; Mr. J. Briggs's b g Gamboola, 4yrs, 7st 4lb (Gilmore), 3. Other starters: Zelle, 9st 7lb; Lustrous, 8st; Yougo, 8st 10lb; Miss Lena, 6st 7lb; Remis (imp.), 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Creso, 5 to 2 v Remis, 6 to 1 v Yougo, 10 to 1 each v the others. Won in a canter by three lengths, pulling up. Time, 1m 16½s.

Plattsburg Handicap of 40 sovs, second horse 5 sovs from the prize, 6f.—Mr. A. A. Ford's br g Graftnot, by Grafton—Lochiel mare, 5yrs, 8st 5lb (Johns), 1; Mr. S. Martin's br g Tinagaroo, 5yrs, 9st 7lb (Mitten), 2; Mr. Harris's b g Sarsfield, aged, 8st 6lb (Lee), 3. Other starters: Chronograph, 8st 6lb; Vitula, 8st 6lb; Thornville, 8st 3lb; Osculate, 7st 2lb; Repentant, 7st 2lb; Miss Chance, 6st 7lb; Creso, 6st 7lb; Karanaud, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Tinagaroo, 5 to 2 v Graftnot, 4 to 1 v Vitula, 10 to 1 each v the others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 16s.

Welter Handicap, of 35 sovs, second horse 4 sovs from the prize, 7f.—Mr. T. M'Carthy's blk g Dudley, by Projectile—Confidence, 6 years, 9st 6lb (Black), 1; Mr. A. Mitchell's b g Neptunus, aged, 8st 10lb (Johns), 2; Mr. E. M'Auliffe's br g The Junction, 8st (Gilmore), 3. Other starters: Meteora, 9st 6lb; Automatous, 9st 6lb; Phil May, 9st 3lb; Osculate, 8st 3lb; Medals, 8st 3lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Dudley, 4 to 1 each v The Junction and Osculate, 6 to 1 each v Neptunus and Automatous. Medals was left at the post. The field then ran well together until opposite the leger, where Dudley and Neptunus made a hard struggle, Dudley eventually winning by a length. Time, 1m 30s.

Jockey Club Handicap of 75 sovs, second horse 10 sovs, third 5 sovs from prize, 1m 2f.—Mr. G. Sternbeck's br g Oakton, by Grafton—Lochiel mare, 5yrs, 8st 6lb (Johns), 1; Mr. A. A. Forbes's br g Graftnot, 5yrs, 8st 6lb (M'Carthy), 2; Mr. S. Martin's c h Lochnagh, 5yrs, 8st 5lb (Fitzsimmons), 3. Other starters: Simnel, 8st 12lb; The Bairn, 8st 12lb; Bruce, 8st 10lb; Australian Son, 8st 6lb; Tarik, 7st 4lb; Levuka, 8st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Simnel, 3 to 1 v Graftnot, 7 to 1 each v Oakton, Australian Son, and Tarik, 10 to 1 each v others. A fine race was witnessed from start to finish. Lochnagh did most of the running, closely followed by Simnel. At the final turn Oakton assumed the lead, which position was challenged by Graftnot, but unavailingly, Oakton winning by over a length. Time, 2m 11s.

Maryland Handicap, of 30 sovs, second horse 4 sovs, 6f.—Mr. Brobin's br m Cres O, by Orzil—Cressida, 4yrs, 6st 7lb (Johns), 1; Mr. H. J. Booth's b g Beauty, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (Gilmore), 2; Mr. H. J. Robinson's br m Olivia, 4yrs, 9st 7lb (M'Carthy), 3. Other starters: Warkworth, 6st 12lb; Granda, 6st 7lb; Remis, 6st 7lb. Betting: 4 to 1 on Cres O, 10 to 1 bar 1. Cres O went out at the fall of the flag, and led all the way, winning by several lengths. Time, 1m 16½s.

Final Handicap, of 40 sovs, second horse 5 sovs, 1m.—Mr. J. Reynolds's c g Zanzibar, by Launceston—Scamp mare, aged, 7st 7lb (Thompson), 1; Mr. J. D. Casey's br g Prince Prosper, 6yrs, 7st 6lb (Gilmore), 2; Mr. T. M'Carthy's blk g Dudley, 6yrs, 9st (Black), 3. Other starters: Wildflower, 9st; Simmerlight, 8st 6lb; Wee Willie, 8st 6lb; Eppie, 8st 2lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Dudley, 3 to 1 v Simmerlight, 4 to 1 v Eppie, 5 to 1 each v Wee Willie and Prince Prosper, 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 44s.

CALCUTTA TURF CLUB.

BOXING DAY MEETING.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

WON BY FITZGRAFTON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A cable received from India gives the result of the race for the Viceroy's Cup at Calcutta on Boxing Day, as under:—

VICEROY'S CUP.—A cup value 100 sovs, presented by H. E. the Viceroy of India, and 27,000rs from the fund. The cup and 20,000rs. to the winner; 5000rs. to the second; and 2000rs. to the third. 1¼m.

Mr. A. A. Apcar's b h Fitzgrafton, by Grafton—Olive Branch, 6yrs, 9st 3lb ... 1

Mr. A. A. Apcar's b h Mallard, by Malvolio—Britomarte, 6yrs, 9st 3lb ... 2

The Master, by Projectile—Housemaid, 5yrs, 9st 2lb 3

The winner was bred by Mr. J. M'Gill, the well-known Queensland sportsman and studmaster, and for whom he won a number of races in the northern State, his best performances being in the Brisbane Cups 1904 and the following year, carrying 8st 3lb in the former, and putting up a Queensland record of 3m 29s for the distance—two miles. At the last autumn sales at Randwick Fitzgrafton was purchased privately for his present owner, with the object of winning the Viceroy's Cup, and he succeeded in his first attempt in landing the coveted prize, beating his stable mate, the Victorian-bred horse, Mallard, and The Master, who was also purchased for India at Randwick last autumn. Mallard was also a good performer in Queensland.

NEW ZEALAND RACING.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The principal race on the second day of the above meeting resulted as under:—

Palmerston Stakes of 500 sovs, w.f.a., 5f.—Munjeet, by Stepniak—Mauler, 1; Achilles, 2; Wirral, 3. Six started. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 3 3-5s. Dividends, £3 11s and 12s.

ASCOT RACING CLUB.

A pony and galloway race meeting, under the management of the above club, was held yesterday in beautifully fine weather, and there was a good attendance. While taking part in the race for the Fourteen-three Handicap, Justin and Marcetti fell, and their respective riders, W. Brown and R. Brown, who were thrown heavily, were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering from severe concussion, while the latter had one of his arms fractured at the elbow. Both lads were still in an unconscious state up to a late hour last night. The results of the racing are appended:—

Fourteen-three Handicap of 30 sovs., second 3, and third 2 sovs., from the prize, 4½f.—Skylark, by Wood- [illegible], 1; First Aid, 7st 7lb (M'Donald), 2; Corrie, 7st 10lb, inc. 5lb over (O'Donnell), 3. Other starters: Native Cat, 8st 12lb; Coronation, 8st 7lb; Waverley, 8st; Cissy, 7st 12lb; Mary C., 7st 10lb; Parnecross, 7st 8lb; Fargo, 7st 6lb; Bonnie Lassie, 7st 4lb; Harkaway, 7st; Klimeny, 7st; Geraldine, 7st. Betting: 5 to 4 on Skylark, 5 to 1 v Native Cat, 10 to 1 each v Parnecross, First Aid and Cissy, 12 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 55¾s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3, and third 2 sovs, from the prize, 4½f.—Sygnet, by Will o' the Wisp—Black Swan, 9st 3lb (Killorn), 1; Bonnie Sun, 7st 10lb (Anderson), 2; Explosion, 7st 2½lb, inc. 2½lb over (Dove), 3. Other starters: Clarette, 9st 3lb; Cambelle, 8st 6lb; Nursery Lass, 8st 4lb; Elv Neil, 7st 9lb; Miss Orzil, 7st 6lb. Betting: 4 to 1 on Sygnet, 2 to 1 v Miss Orzil, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 55¾s.

Novice Handicap of 20 sovs., second 3, and third 2 sovs., from the prize, 4½f.—[illegible], 8st 12lb (Fletcher), 1; Mona Lily, 9st 5lb (Norris), 2; Stewart, 8st 11lb (Wagner), 3. Other starters: Reprint, 8st 12lb; Will Roy, 8st 12lb; Roancy, 8st 10lb; [illegible]; Electric Light, 8st 5lb; Waterloo, 8st 5lb; Mack, 8st 4lb; Zam-Buk, 8st 3lb; Cockie Shell, 8st; Musket, 8st; Deniager, 8st; Mist, 8st; Eva Lock, 8st. Betting: 3 to 1 v Reprint, 4 to 1 each v Deniager and Madieson, 5 to 1 v Mona Lily, 6 to 1 each v Hardy and Stewart, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 0s.

Thirteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs., second 3, and third 2 sovs., from the prize, 4f.—The Stag, by Beau Champ—Nightfall, 7st 8lb (Killorn), 1; Misfire, 7st 12lb (O'Donnell), 2; Dreadnought, 7st 13lb (Fletcher), 3. Other starters: Estelle, 9st 12lb; Rejoice, 8st 11lb; Rose Gray, 8st; Wallace, 8st; Indian, 7st 12lb; Cronulla, 7st 9lb; St. Mars, 7st 7lb; Tod, 7st 6lb; Silver Grace, 7st 1lb; Marcelle, 7st 1lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Rejoice, 3 to 1 v The Stag, 5 to 1 v Cronulla, 7 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 56s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3, and third 2 sovs, from the prize, 5f.—Allowrie, by Trinity, 7st 7lb (Killorn), 1; Rosalind, 8st 2lb (Somers), 2; Burley, 7st 7lb (Williams), 3. Other starters: Kelso, 1st 13lb; Report, 8st 4lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Allowrie, 5 to 4 v Rosalind, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 9¾s.

Christmas Handicap of 75 sovs, second 10, and third 5 sovs., from the prize, about 6f.—Brother Jack, by Moorefield—Mermaid, 8st 10lb (Byrne), 1; Lamora, 8st 12lb, inc. 2lb over (Killorn), 2; Lady Gossoon, 8st (Morris), 3. Other starters: The Owl, 8st 8lb; Orange, 8st 6lb; Opinion, 8st 5lb; Morok, 8st 5lb; Adorer, 8st 4lb; Copperfield, 7st 9lb; Masuda, 7st; Prince George, 6st 12lb; My Own, 6st 12lb; Cymbeline, 6st 10lb; Princess May, 6st 4lb; La Vague, 6st 7lb; Zelma, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Lamora, 4 to 1 v Brother Jack, 5 to 1 v Lady Gossoon, 6 to 1 v Copperfield, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 17s.

NORTH BOURKE AMATEUR RACE CLUB.

BOURKE, Thursday.

The North Bourke Amateur Race Club's annual races were held yesterday. The weather was beautiful, and the attendance large. The fields in most instances were small, but the racing was exciting. Without doubt it was the most successful race meeting held in Bourke for many years. Results:—

Trial Stakes of 7 sovs, 6f.—Mr. J. Flanagan's Sheila, by Amberite—Miss Cusack, 10st 6lb, 1; Chatalene, 11st 3lb, 2; Laurel, 11st 2lb, 3. Time, 1m 22½s.

Bridge Handicap of 10 sovs, 7f.—Mr. W. Ridge's Birch, by Gowrie—Evergreen, 10st 6lb, 1; Loch May, 9st 11lb, 2; Paka, 11st 12lb, 3. Time, 1m 38s.

Lady's Bracelet of 5 sovs, 6f.—Mr. P. Chapman's Chatalene, by Chatham—Miss Gipsy, 9st 9lb, 1; Womboy, 11st 12lb, 2; Sparkle, 10st 6lb, 3. Time, 1m 23s.

Amateur Club Handicap of 12 sovs, 1m.—Mr. J. Rice's Confederate, by Associate—The Kitten, 11st 2lb, 1; Snablats, 10st 8lb, 2; Loch May, 9st 10lb, 3. Time, 1m 53s.

Flying Handicap of 7 sovs, 6f.—Mr. J. Rice's Paka, by Master Grand—Delusion, 12st 2lb, 1; Laurel, 9st 1lb, 2. Time, 1m 26s.

Final Handicap of 6 sovs, 6f.—Womboy, by Lord Clifton—Beatrice, 12st 2lb, 1; Snablats, 11st 8lb, 2; Sparkle, 9st 1lb, 3.

PAMBULA JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

The weather was dull for the second day of the above meeting, but the attendance was large. The gate takings yesterday amounted to £137.

Results:—

Members' Handicap of 25 sovs, 7f.—Cyrano, 8st 6lb (Henderson), 1; Victor, 7st 5lb (Atkins), 2; Elmo, 7st 6lb (Switzer), 3. Six started. Won by a length. Time, 1m 31½s.

Federal Handicap of 10 sovs, 6f.—Retford Green, 7st 4lb (Hutton), 1; Clarabelle 7st 10lb (Henderson), 2; Keswick, 8st 7lb (Atkins), 3. Seven started. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 19½s.

Town Plate of 45 sovs, 1m and 91yds.—Mr. M'Carthy's Previous, 8st 9lb (Switzer), 1; Mr. Massey's Cowley, 7st 12lb (Atkins), 2; Mr. Hibburd's Wood Rose, 7st 13lb (Hibburd), 3. Five started. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 51s.

Two-year-old Race of 15 sovs, 5f.—Selah, 8st 5lb (Flanagan), 1; Senna Wood, 8st 2lb (Hibburd), 2; Wood Queen, 8st 2lb (Torpy), 3. Seven started. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 5s.

Trot of 10 sovs, 1½m.—Goldlock, 1; W.M., 2; Sunday, 3. Eleven started.

Forced Handicap of 15 sovs, 6f.—Elmo, 7st 11½lb (Henderson), 1; Mirrooral, 7st 9lb (Ramsey), 2; Glenall, 7st 10lb (Hutton), 3. Five started. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 19½s.

HOSKINGTOWN JOCKEY CLUB.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Hoskingtown Jockey Club, held yesterday, was very successful, and the attendance was large. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—N. H. Gibb's blk c Waratah, by War God—Beeswing, 8st (T. Coll), 1; M. Byrne's blk g Boomerang, 8st (H. Bacon), 2; Messrs. Russell and Chard's ch g Canberra, 7st 7lb (E. Hughes), 3. Dandelion, 7st 12lb (C. Evans) also started. Dandelion was favourite. Waratah jumped to the front from the rise of the barrier, and led throughout, winning easily from Boomerang.

Hack Race, 6f.—R. J. Heath's ch m Melba, by Epinicion, 8st 5lb (H. Bacon), 1; J. M'Grath's ch g Sunlight, 8st (J. Nash), 2; Thos. Sherd's ch g Togo, 8st 5lb (B. Graham), 3. Won easily.

Hoskingtown Cup, 1¼m.—Messrs. Russell and Chard's b g Whakawatea, by Apremont—Becky Sharp, 8st 7lb (E. Hughes), 1; M. Byrne's blk g Boomerang, 8st 3lb (H. Bacon), 2; W. J. Sherd's ch m Inverary, 8st 5lb (J. Nash), 3. Sloucher, 8st 3lb, and Wild Rose also started. Whakawatea was favourite, and won a good race from Boomerang by a length.

Federal Handicap, 7f.—W. J. Sherd's ch m Dandelion, by Rosebranch, 7st 7lb (T. Coll), 1; Messrs. Russell and Chard's ch g Canberra, 8st (E. Hughes), 2; Only two started. Won by half a length.

Farewell Handicap, 7f.—W. J. Sherd's ch m Inverary, by Rosebranch, 9st 5lb (T. Coll), 1; Thos. Sherd's ch g Sloucher, 8st (J. Nash), 2. Only two started. Won easily.

PEAK HILL RACES.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

The following are the results of the annual races of the Peak Hill Jockey Club:—

Ladies' Bracelet.—A. Robertson's Alantes, 1; M. Byrne's Standard, 2; T. Rice's Dolly Grey, 3.

New Year Handicap.—Dr. Johnson's Heraldry, 10st 12lb, 1; A. S. Balcombe's Captor, 10st 5lb, 2; R. Lackey's Yolande, 3.

Christmas Gift.—C. Nicholas's Trilby, 9st 9lb, 1; R. Lackey's Isaac, 8st 10lb, 2; J. Hatton's Jack, 8st 10lb, 3.

Merry Christmas Handicap.—J. Ray's Happy Jack, 8st 13lb, 1; S. Wildie's Blarney, 10st 8lb, 2.

Here's Luck Handicap.—C. Nicholas' Trilby, 9st 9lb, 1; M. Byrne's Standard, 10st 2lb, 2.

Hack Race.—J. Williamson's Aurolight, 1.

Auld Lang Syne Handicap.—Blarney, 9st 10lb, 1; Happy Jack, 9st 2lb, 2.

CHARITY RACES AT INVERELL.

INVERELL, Thursday.

A day's racing was held here yesterday in aid of the local charitable institutions. There was a large attendance, the weather was perfect, and there were good fields, but the track was heavy owing to the recent rain. Results:—

Boxing Day Handicap.—Mr. Turner's Marcus, 8st 5lb, 1; Mr. Rowling's Ivena, 8st, 2; Mr. Beveridge's Rufus, 8st 7lb, 3.

Midget Handicap.—Mr. Cavanagh's Merrybell, 8st, 1; Mr. O'Rourke's Queen Bee, 7st 2lb, 2; Mr. West's Firefly, 7st 10lb, 3.

Hack Race.—Mr. Munro's Lucifer, 7st 13lb, 1; Mr. Wemyss' Aigulet, 8st 5lb, 2; Mr. Onus's Lady Long, 7st 5lb, 3.

Hospital Handicap.—Mr. Turner's Marcus, 8st 13lb, 1; Mr. Hawke's Jack, 8st 3lb, 2; Mr. Parker's Statesman, 7st 3lb, 3.

Fourteen-two Handicap.—Mr. Ryan's Economist, 7st 10lb, 1; Mr. O'Rourke's Welcome, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. Kenny's Butterfly, 9st 5lb, 3.

Christmas Box Handicap.—Mr. Parker's Statesman, 7st 5lb, 1; Mr. Turner's Protocol, 7st 6lb, 2; Mr. Wemyss' Aigulet, 8st 5lb, 3.

TUMUT RACES.

TUMUT, Thursday.

The local turf club races were held yesterday. Results:—

Maiden Stakes.—Lady Middleton, 1; Primus, 2; Blank, 3.

Handicap.—Omar, 1; Valour, 2; Wynyard, 3.

Handicap.—Plover, 1; Primus, 2; Wanganui, 3.

Railway Stakes.—Omar, 1; Valour, 2; Clourine, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Plover, 1; Wanganui, 2; Valour, 3.

WARIALDA AMATEUR RACES.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

The amateur races yesterday were a great success. The attendance was large and the weather beautiful. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Welcome Nugget, 1; Ben, 2; Hurricane, 3. Won by a neck. Five started.

Trial Stakes.—Wonder, 1; Uncta, 2; Flight, 3. Won easily. Five started. Time, 1m 24s.

Flutter.—Yaggaba, 1; Tempest, 2; Joan, 3. Won comfortably. Five started. Time, 54s.

Christmas Box.—Welcome Nugget, 1; Ben, 1; Wonder, 3. Only three started. A beautiful race resulted in a dead heat, wonder being only half a neck away third. Time, 1m 51¾s. The owners of Welcome Nugget and Ben divided.

Flying Handicap.—Hurricane, 1; Marquis, 2; Uncta, 3. Five started. Time, 1m 23s.

Farewell Handicap.—Yaggaba, 1; Flight, 2; Mingo, 3. Four started. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 5s.

KEMPSEY RACES.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

The races yesterday were fairly successful. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Mr. M'Inherney's Kolpata, by Moorefield—Moona, 9st 5lb, 1; Mr. Quinliyan's Jason, by Rifleite—Miss Kildare, 8st, 2.

Novice Handicap.—Mr. Smythe's Noreen, 9st 5lb, 1.

City Handicap, 1m.—Mr. Trim's Yule Cake, by Abercorn—Rusk, 9st 9lb, 1; Mr. M'Inherney's Kolpata, 7st 10lb, 2.

Hack Race.—Secret, 10st, 1.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—Mr. Menary's Eudora, by Metal—Queen Mirth, 9st 2lb, 1; Mr. Smythe's Noreen, by Moorefield—Zulu mare, 8st, 2.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Subjoined are the weights for the minor handicaps to be decided on Saturday next:—

HURDLE RACE—About 2m.

	st lb		st lb
Apiti	10 12	Phillip Worth	10 1
Atlantean	10 3	Grafnax	9 4
Mercury	10 0	Mainspring	9 3
Cockney Boy	10 5	Superstition	9 0
Cambooya II.	10 4	Seismic	9 0
Arrawatta	10 1	Parntia	9 0

JUVENILE STAKES—5f.

Malsterdelle	9 6	Consulate	7 0
The Owl	9 5	Confetti	7 0
Haakon	8 7	Hildebrook	7 0
Barbican	8 5	Adios	6 12
Quadratic	8 5	Woodside	6 12
Conductor	8 3	Deliverance	6 12
Skopo	8 1	Richard	6 12
King's Cross	7 10	Scotch Annie	6 12
Peru	7 7	Prapolite	6 12
Sun Gem	7 5	Blue Bock	6 10
Blue Gum	7 5	Caveau	6 10
Welcome Trist	7 3	Cryngraft	6 8
Cisal	7 0	First Aid	6 7
Bonem	7 0	Abandoned	6 7
Rebuff	7 0	Little Stranger	6 7
Lord Jersey	7 0		

PACE WELTER—1m.

Hospodar	10 5	Yo San	8 11
The Loch	10 [illegible]	Rose Ray	8 11
Port Arthur	10 0	Kumalo	8 7
Graceton	9 13	Neirbo	8 4
Corfu	9 12	Barrenjoey	8 3
Coraki	9 9	Superbus	8 3
First Consul	9 7	The Intended	8 2
Lanoline	9 4	The Shades	8 0
Dantzic	9 4	Almeda	8 0
Metal Boy	8 13	Bellerophon	8 0

NORTHCOTE HANDICAP—1¼m.

Noreen	9 5	Victoria Cross	7 2
Rosemead	8 11	Thargomindah	7 2
Putty	8 9	Grafton Lad	7 0
Zenda	8 7	Lady Esme	6 10
Deutscher	8 9	Neirbo	6 8
Grafton Lass	8 [illegible]	Blent	6 7
Vanadium	8 6	Lady Dunmore	6 7
Absentee	8 [illegible]	Metaphor	6 7
E.L.C.	7 9	Levee	6 7
Clarinza	7 4		

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following weights were declared to-day for the minor handicaps in connection with the V.R.C. New Year's Day Meeting:—

New Year Hurdle Race, 2m.—Ballalaba, 12st 2lb; Valour, 11st 5lb; Australian, 11st 5lb; Prestonpans, 11st 3lb; Maori, 11st 2lb; Boomerang, 10st 6lb; Sir Peter Teazle, 10st 3lb; Telemachus, 10st; Mare Antony, 9st 12lb; Brilliance, 9st 11lb; Eucumbene, 9st 11lb; Old Chappie, 9st 10lb; Skibo, 9st 10lb; Daisy, 9st 8lb; Illawarra, 9st 4lb; Larrikin, 9st; Al Sirat, 9st; Sir Douglas, 9st; Mauser, 9st.

January Steeplechase, 2¼m.—Poster, 11st 13lb; Sultana, 11st 11lb; The General, 11st 9lb; Error, 11st 7lb; Officer, 11st 5lb; Orlando, 11st 2lb; Eldorado, 11st 2lb; Warfield, 9st 13lb; Persist, 9st 9lb, Martinique, 9st 6lb; Chester, 9st 5lb; Player, 9st 5lb; Forty Winks, 9st 3lb; Busiris, 9st; Killarney, 9st; Matlow, 9st.

Criterion Handicap, 5f.—Mazarin, 9st 3lb; Veronica, 8st 5lb; Lady Orzil, 8st 5lb; Hampton, 8st 2lb; Currandooley, 8st; Macpherson, 7st 10lb; Woorooma, 7st 10lb; Ringlet, 7st 7lb; Spycraft, 7st 5lb; Active, 7st 2lb; Afton, 6st 12lb; Princess Ena, 6st 12lb; Tittell Brune, 6st 10lb; Scrimmage, 6st 7lb.

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Thackeray, 10st 2lb; Maningo, 10st; Brief, 9st 11lb; Ratafia, 9st 11lb; Narelle, 9st 6lb; Kareo, 9st 9lb; Staccato, 9st 5lb; Australian, 9st 3lb; Moreka, 9st 3lb; Illumination, 9st; Kalmuck, 8st 13lb; Gelignite, 8st 11lb; Maori, 8st 11lb; Vanessa, 8st 10lb; Haut Gout, 8st 4lb; Intruder, 8st 1lb; Thoughtful, 8st; Ranmatira, 8st; Graftonite 8st; Silvio, 8st; Al First, 8st; Beau Garcon, 8st; Sea Gem, 8st; Paulatium, 8st; Sir Dove, 8st.

EPPING RACING CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR TO-DAY.

Exit Handicap (all horses), 5f (7st 7lb limit).—Pagoda, 9st 3lb; Stewart, 8st 13lb; Waterloo, 8st 2lb; Kelpie, 7st 13lb; Mutesse, 7st 13lb; Vendetta, 7st 12lb; Freda, 7st 11lb; Eva Loch, 7st 10lb; Powder, 7st 10lb; Acone, 7st 9lb; Zambuk, 7st 8lb; Gazelle, 7st 7lb; Lady Amethyst, 7st 7lb; Helensborough, 7st 7lb; Darkness, 7st 7lb; Moorlark, 7st 7lb; Daphne, 7st 7lb; Lady Lent, 7st 7lb; Kilmore, 7st 7lb; Little Blarney, 7st 7lb; Burley, 7st 7lb; Bobbie, 7st 7lb.

Epping Handicap (14.1), 5f (7st 7lb limit).—Silverine, 10st 10lb; Clarette, 10st 3lb; Elector, 9st 5lb; Sally Manton, 8st 13lb; Twilight, 8st 2lb; Piccaninny, 8st 2lb; Little Lady, 7st 11lb; Bonnie Sun, 7st 11lb; Lusitana, 7st 9lb; Pyrora, 7st 7lb; Malvina, 7st 7lb; Violet, 7st 7lb; Alma, 7st 7lb; Ethel, 7st 7lb.

Enter Handicap (14.2), 4f (7st 7lb limit).—Silverine, 9st 12lb; Clarette, 9st 5lb; Buttercup, 8st 13lb; Lee Weller, 8st 12lb; Lady Preston, 8st 7lb; Decorum, 8st 5lb; Belle, 8st; Sally Manton, 7st 10lb; Merveilleux, 7st 10lb; Princess Alba, 7st 7lb; Overshot, 7st 7lb; Burley, 7st 7lb.

Victoria Park Handicap (14.0), 4f.—Elector, 9st 11lb; Picotee, 8st 4lb; Bay Nell, 8st 2lb; Bow Bell, 7st 11lb; Black Swan, 7st 11lb; Harold's Pride, 7st 5lb; Melford, 7st 5lb; Fearnought, 7st; Slippery Kate, 7st; Malahide, 7st; Jack Tar, 7st; Alma, 7st.

Racecourse Handicap (all horses), 5f.—Swallow, 9st 10lb; Morok, 9st 8lb; Masuda, 9st 6lb; Reliance, 8st 11lb; Sandringham, 8st 5lb; Clarissima, 8st 5lb; Prince George, 7st 13lb; My Own, 7st 10lb; Escape, 7st [illegible]; Disaster, 7st 10lb; Lattogne, 7st 4lb; Fiction, 7st 2lb; Fargo, 7st 2lb; First Aid, 7st 2lb; Uralla, 7st 2lb; Louisa, 7st; Pagoda, 7st; Cymbaline, 7st; Mikado, 7st; Folly, 7st; Moorlark, 7st; Harkaway, 7st.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

MOTOR CYCLE RECORD.

A meritorious motor cycle record has been established between Launceston and Hobart by W. H. King, on a 7-h.p. twin-cylinder machine. The 121 miles were negotiated in the fast time of 2h 55m, equal to an average speed of 40 miles an hour. The run is official, as it was held under the supervision of the Tasmanian Automobile Club.

GEORGE FARLEY.

George Farley, the Australasian cycling champion, who was riding in poor form on the track previously to his leaving for New Zealand, has shown a return to his last year's condition, for he succeeded in winning the big scratch race on the opening day of the New Zealand Exhibition Sports Meeting. The best two local riders in New Zealand are J. Arnst and G. Sutherland, both of whom are well known on this side.

VISIT OF DICKENTMANN.

P. Dickentmann, the Dutch pace follower who paid a racing visit to Australia four years ago in company with T. Robl, arrived in Adelaide last week by the Barbarossa. A genuine surprise was sprung on the cycling authorities of Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney by Dickentmann's arrival, for no definite particulars had been received from Europe of his departure for this part of the world. Dickentmann's trip is only a flying one, but he and a companion named Kind will, if opportunity offers, give several exhibitions of pace racing. Since his last visit to Australia, the Dutch crack has won a number of big Continental paced races, including the world's long distance paced championship. Dickentmann holds the world's record for 100 kilometres (62 miles), which distance he pedalled in 1h 6m 11s.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL MOTOR NOTES.

The German Imperial Automobile Club will hold an international race for touring cars in June, 1907. The German Emperor has given the first prize for the event. Entries will close on December 31.

The Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland have decided to hold a test for non-skid devices next month.

Laucia, the well-known Italian motor driver, has started business in Turin as a motor manufacturer.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer recently stated in the House of Commons that the Royal Commission had recommended against the taxation of motor cars on the basis of horse power or cylinder capacity, in view of the administrative difficulties involved, and of the fact that the experience of its working in France is not entirely satisfactory.

OLYMPIA SHOW.

The English files to hand give further particulars of the exhibits at Olympia last month. It is generally agreed that the late show was the biggest yet held. It was a wonderfully representative British display, at which were also seen some of the best examples of Continental manufacture. The mechanical features of next year's cars are well worthy of notice. At the show the pressed steel frame seemed to be adopted everywhere; even the Humber Company are making the 1907 models of pressed steel frame instead of the tubular variety. With regard to engines, the improvement in these was mostly in detail. Some firms like the Richard-Brasier had adopted the Desaxe principle. The question of lubrication seemed to have received a considerable amount of attention. The Humber method of positive lubrication was generally adopted. The oil is circulated and sprayed with force on the crank shafts and crank pins. Some firms in their new models have discarded splash lubrication altogether and feed direct to every part. But in every case enormous strides have been made in the direction of more efficient lubrication. Ignition has also been looked to, and more care taken in its arrangement and protecting. As far as concerns the relative proportions of low tension magneto, high tension magneto, and accumulator high tension ignition, things have not altered much since last year. The low tension magneto system is not going ahead so fast as some thought it might do. The fact that it necessitates a special casting for the engine, and special cams and castings for the base chambers, may have had something to say to this.

One point as to current design is of importance. Firms who have been using horizontal engines show a tendency to turn to the vertical. All firms retain the epicyclic gear, no firm which has adopted the epicyclic gear having discarded it.

The Star Company and other well-known firms will keep to the side chain transmission for the majority of their cars, but the tendency, as evidenced at the show, was in favour of the more general adoption of the geared transmission. Very few firms showed cars with live axles, in which the weight of the car was supported by the differential shafts themselves. In most cases the weight of the car was taken on the outside of the differential casing, the differential shafts taking the drive only.

The arrangement of the differential casing, too, has received attention. While some are divided vertically across the axis of the drive, it is becoming more general to divide them in the plane of the axis of the drive, a much more mechanical construction.

There were plenty of departures seen in springing which seemed to hold the attention of manufacturers generally. The transverse spring at the rear appeared to be coming more popular, while the full elliptic spring and three-quarter elliptic spring were both very largely fitted.

Elaboration of body work and luxurious appointments were in evidence all over the show, but after all, the efficiency of the machine as a machine was of first importance.

QUEANBEYAN SPORTS.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

The annual cycling carnival was held in the park yesterday. The attendance was good, and the racing was excellent. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 1m.—Final: J. Butt, 35yds, 1; S. Howes, 80yds, 2. Time, 1m 4 1-5s.

District Members' Handicap, ½m.—B. Blundell, 1; J. Dunn, 2.

Boys' Handicap.—C. G. Lessen, scr., 1; F. Holland, 50yds, 2.

Yuletide Gift, 1m.—Final: E. A. Fowler (Goulburn), scr., 1; O. Cambridge, 15yds, 2. Time, 2m 41s.

Wheel Race, 1m.—C. A. Riley, 120yds, 1; D. Poole, 70yds, and S. Howes, 80yds, dead heat, 2. Time, 2m 10½s.

Club Handicap, 1m.—B. Blundell, 1; A. Gillett, 2.

Slow Race.—J. Pike, 1.

Lap Dash.—L. Howard 1; O. Cambridge, 2.

MARULAN RACES.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Bicycle sports were held at Marulan yesterday. Results:—

Half-mile.—N. Stewart, 1; O'Neill, 2.

Mile.—A. R. Payten, 1.

Half-mile Scratch.—O'Neill, 1; Stewart, 2.

Half-mile, Local.—W. Mundy, 1; Hogg, 2.

RACING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

At the Exhibition cycle race meeting, the Australasian Farewell Stakes, 1m scratch, resulted:—Farley (Victoria), 1; Sutherland (N.Z.), 2; Brook (N.S.W.), 3. Time, 2m 17 1-5s.

CRICKET.

The annual reunion of the residents of Drummoyne took place on Christmas afternoon on the new oval in the presence of about 200 spectators, who were entertained at afternoon tea. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The feature of the match was the splendid display of cricket by Mr. C. Barrel, sen., who is 70 years of age. He retired at 23 not out. Sides were picked by Alderman G. Richards and Mr. A. Tillett, the former's team winning by 31, Alderman Richards' team, 113 (C. Barrell, sen., 23 retired, Hayman 21 retired, H. Moore 21 retired); Mr. Tillett's eleven, 82 (A. Loveridge 21 retired).

Newtown District and Arncliffe met on the Erskineville Oval on Boxing Day, and the match resulted in a win for the former by 100 runs. Newtown, 235 (F. Robinson 46 retired, G. Thornley 40 retired, S. Emery 25, C. Cocke 29); Arncliffe, 135 (Byrne 31, Hopkins 22, Dibble 24, Fortescue 23 not out).

St. Elmo, 142 (Reed 42, Clutton 25), defeated Leichhardt, 103 (F. Flack 20), on Christmas Day. For Leichhardt the wickets were got by F. Flack, four for 50; Free, two for 32; Sheath, one for 9; Robinson, one for 14; Davis, one for 11. Devlin secured six wickets, Reed one, and Grace two for St. Elmo.

Drummoyne B, 212 (Colin Walker 133, M'Kenzie 32), [illegible] Macpherson and Co., 153 (E. Tivey 26, J. Connell 24 not out, Vernon 20), at Drummoyne Oval, on Boxing Day. For the winners Moore 5, Atkins 2, and B. Muir 1, and for the losers M'Donald 4, and Norton 4, secured the wickets.

Petersham District C.C., 241 for three wickets (F. Newton 123, G. Harney 100), defeated Lithgow District, 239 (O. Smith 67 retired, A. Watson 56, R. Kenna 22, Sweeney 20), by seven wickets, on Petersham Oval on Christmas Day. [illegible] Newton, four for 84, bowled best for Petersham, and A. Watson for Lithgow. Newton and Harney put together 192 for the first wicket. Petersham's score was compiled in 75 minutes.

On Boxing Day, at Petersham Oval, Petersham District "A" team, 255 (J. Waddington 71, W. Jenson 4?, E. Newton 36, F. Meares 32, C. Breaksnear 26 not out), were defeated by Petersham District Veteran Team XV., 274 (W. F. Eames 51, B. Gordon 35, E. Oram 31, S. Smith 28, A. Lewis 27, E. A. Tyler 24). Waddington, eight for 78, and P. Newton, four for 85, bowled best for "A" Team, and S. Smith, four for 54, and Eames, three for 85, for Veteran Team.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

On Christmas Day a match, Past v Present Windsor players, took place, the latter team scoring 125 to 100. Yesterday Windsor, seven wickets (closed) for 258 (H. O. Marshall 68) beat Glenwood, 176 (Cooper 35). At Richmond a district team scored 176 (A. Maguire 78), beating Shoalhaven District, 118 (Priddle not out 40).

BOWLS.

REDFERN v WOONONA.

The annual matches between the Redfern and Woonona Clubs took place on the Redfern Oval on Boxing Day. The following were the scores:—

Morning Match.

	R.	W.
Lloyd, Wheeldon, Parry, Clarke	15	—
Taylor, Martin, Young, Hope	—	16
M'Keown, Ross, Bright, Mihell	22	—
Hervey, Settle, Hall, Greenhalgh	—	14
Totals	37	30

Afternoon Match.

	W.	R.
Youll, Taylor, Gehan, Kirton	22	—
Dearing, Stedman, Gray, Leitch	—	14
Graham, Davis, Green, Greenhalgh	23	—
M'Keown, Ross, Bright, Parry	—	20
Settle, Martin, Young, Hope	29	—
Lloyd, Dight, Isaacs, Mihell	—	20
Henry, Thomas, Farraher, Williams	17	—
Vernon, Wheeldon, Gorton, Clarke	—	30
Total	91	84

MARRICKVILLE v ST. GEORGE.

A three-rink match was played on the Marrickville green between St. George and the local players, and was won by St. George by 47 points. Scores:—

	St. G.	M.
Morris, Mann, Butchart, Thornley	37	—
H. Edwards, Walford, Fawn, Cole	—	20
Maston, Davis, Anderson, Hyndman	25	—
Bradshaw, Broughton, Whitelaw, Newman	—	18
R. Loudon, Hanks, Marsden, Larbalestier	42	—
E. Edwards, Moorhouse, Box, M'Coy	—	19
Totals	104	57

REDFERN CLUB.

The following rinks have been selected to represent Redfern in the pennant competition:—

Donald, Ross, Bright, Leitch.

Steuman, Grey, Isaacs, Mihell.

Danks, Parry, G. Hill, Brogden.

Hayes, Grierson, Swift, Clarke.

The draw for the second round of the president's trophy competition is as follows:—

F. Clarke, scr, v F. Floyd, 9.

J. Dibble, 5, v J. Brogden, scr.

R. Gray, 2, v F. Bright, 2.

A. Isaacs, 2, A. Hanigan, 2.

T. Ross, 5, v T. Danks, 7.

J. Leitch, scr, v E. Wheeldon, 7.

F. Cridland, 10, v G. Swift, scr.

The following is the draw for the second round of the champion medal competition:—Bright v Ross, Dibble v Gray, Hanigan v Clarke, Wheeldon v Mihell, M'Keown v Banner, Danks v Swift, Donald v Leitch, and Grierson v Brogden.

LAWN TENNIS.

MOSMAN CLUB'S TOURNAMENT.

The annual tournament of the Mosman Club was continued yesterday afternoon, when rounds of the Ladies' Doubles Handicap were played with interesting results. A capital contest was witnessed between Mrs. Colquhoun and Miss Sheridan, and the Misses Dransfield and D. Gordon. In the first set the play was of good quality, brimful of spirited and accurate play, the set eventually going to the first-named pair by 6-3. Miss Dransfield and Miss Gordon made excellent play in the second set, which they won by 6-2. In the convincing set a ding-dong battle ensued, and it was not until Mrs. Colquhoun and Miss Sheridan had reached 9-7 that the victory was assured. The handicap proved a little too much for the defeated pair.

In the match between Miss F. Gordon and Miss Gardiner, and the Misses Clouston, some of the best play of the afternoon was witnessed. The first-named pair [illegible] while their opponents received 15. Notwithstanding the big handicap, the Misses Gordon and Gardiner, by accurate tossing and volleying, played a great game. They lost the first set by 5-6, secured the second by 6-3, and the third by 6-4.

Miss Collings and Miss Free had an easy win over the Misses Lloyd and Paton, winning two sets straight out by 6-2 and 6-0. The remaining games were interesting, but not close. The following are the details of play:—

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.

Mrs. Colquhoun and Miss Sheridan (owe 4-6 of 15) beat Miss Dransfield and Miss D. Gordon (owe 30), 6-2, 2-6, 9-7.

Miss F. Gordon and Miss Gardiner (owe 30) beat Miss M. Clouston and Miss L. Clouston (rec. 15), 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Miss Collings and Miss Free (rec. 3-6 of 15) beat Miss Lloyd and Miss Paton (rec. 15-6), 6-2, 6-0.

Miss F. Gordon and Miss Gardiner (owe 30) beat Miss Keele and Miss Freeman (owe 15), 6-1, 6-3.

Miss Collings and Miss Free (rec. 3-6 of 15) beat Mrs. Colquhoun and Miss Sheridan (owe 4-6 of 15), 6-2, 6-2.

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The lawn tennis championship meeting commenced at Christchurch to-day.

In the Australasian doubles Wilding and Heath beat Swanston and Fisher. In the singles Heath was beaten by Fisher, Wilding beat Cox, and Parker beat Quill.

ROWING.

STANBURY'S DEFEAT.

When W. Webb, the ex-amateur champion sculler of New Zealand, decided to challenge James Stanbury, the ex-champion sculler of the world, the followers of rowing were agreed that he had made a mistake. Webb has won. It appears that the ex-champion had the pace, but not the staying powers. He was able to get a substantial lead in the early part of the race, and to hold it until the friends of Webb were quite justified in considering the contest was one sided—all for the Australian. Many good sportsmen will welcome the result, and for two or more reasons. It establishes the bona fides of the Towns-Stanbury race of July last. In another way many will welcome the victory, because it brings forward a new man, who, perhaps, has too easily made his way to the front rank; but he is there, and will surely race for the highest honours, against any who may be on the top grade. So, a race which brings forward a new, and young sculler, widens the circle of championship rowing, and must be of material benefit to the sport. It has been pointed out many times that Stanbury, fit and well, is a hard man to beat; but when he is not fit his pace is uncertain; and his stamina unreliable.

CHATSWORTH REGATTA.

MACLEAN, Thursday.

The Chatsworth regatta was held yesterday, and was largely attended. The weather was cool. There were large entries for all events from the Harwood R.C. and [illegible] Ulmarra. The Grafton R.C. secured several prizes. The committee will have a good credit balance. Results—

Youths, Working Boats.—Skinner, 1; M. Kenny, 2.

Maiden Single Club Skiffs.—A. Hoskings, 1; R. Gil-

Working Boats.—Busch, 1; D. Bateman, 2.

Amateur Water [illegible]ning, 1; T. F. Noonan, 2; R. Logan, 3. Eight started. A splendid race.

Maiden, Water Brigades.—Woodford Dale crew, 1; Harwood, 2. Won by 3ft after an exciting race.

Single Sculls, Club Skiffs.—M. Zietach, 1; T. F. Noonan, 2.

Water Brigade Handicap.—Harwood, three pairs, beat Ulmarra, four pairs, by a few inches.

Wood n Double Sculls.—Bell and Thomson, 1; Carey and Cramp, 2.

Swimming.—Palmer, 1.

Motor Boats.—Brown's Fairbank, 1.

Double Sculls, Skiffs.—Zietach and Hoskins, 1; Logan and Noonan, 2.

SWIMMING.

ROSE BAY CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

The following are entries and handicaps for the Rose Bay Club's carnival:—

School Boys' Handicap.—L. Stock, B. Boardman, C. Hawkless, W. Messenger, scr; J. Finlayson, N. Clark, 1s; J. Glazebrook, 2s; P. Boardman, J. Feil, E. Doran, J. Doran, 3s; A. Gascoigne, 4s; R. Kerr, 5s; G. Guthrie, 6s; J. Moore, 8s; P. Bailey, 9s; J. Simon, 10s; E. Hurt, 11s; S. Jarman, P. O'Shea, 12s; W. B. Paton, 13s.

55yds Interclub Handicap.—Cecil Healy, scr; H. Fawl, R. Byers, W. Blue, 1s; L. Boardman, 2s; J. Lovelace, 2s; R. Cohen, F. Smith, A. Harvey, N. B. Pitt, 3s; P. Paull, H. L. Pitt, H. Marshall, W. Brennan, J. Pittman, 4s; A. Wilkinson, W. Paton, 5s; A. Dickman, S. Lees, W. Burns, C. Beck, M. Duffy, 6s; S. Marsh, J. Beck, J. Porteous, W. Purcell, C. M. Scott, R. Lees, C. P. Graham, L. Eglese, C. Saunders, 7s; L. Marshal, R. Hughes, P. Depena, C. Mullinger, C. Linklater, L. Roche, 8s; W. Syme, G. S. Bell, R. Gleburne, H. S. Lee, W. H. Buncombe, 9s; J. Hogan, R. Dickenson, C. Mitchell, R. Gray, 11s; A. Holyroyd, 12s; W. Hardy, 14s; F. Hickson.

120yds First-class Handicap.—Cecil Healy, scr; R. Byers, 3s; E. J. Cook, 4s; L. S. M'Queen, Len Murray, 5s; W. Hobson, L. Boardman, H. M'Kelvey, 6s; C. W. Kirke, A. Harvey, R. Duret, 8s; W. Finlayson, 10s; F. O'Brien, 11s; P. Depena, R. Provost, 15s; F. Cummins, H. Hardwick.

55yds Naval Brigade Championship of New South Wales.—James, [illegible], Hawkes, [illegible], Macfarlane, P. Puckeridge, Ielis, Keer, Pritchard, Urquhart, A.Bs.

Lloyds Club Championship.—H. Fawl, T. Sinclair, F. O'Brien, W. Paton, H. Dickenson.

Tub Race Championship.—L. Eglese, W. Paton, J. R. Warner, R. Benton, F. O'Brien, R. Gray.

Novelty Race.—[illegible] L. Eglese, R. Dickenson, R. Gray, J. O'Shea, J. R. Warner, C. Northcote, W. Paton, R. Cleburne, W. Burns.

Diving Competition.—W. Gant, G. Guthrie, A. O. Humphries, A. H. Triglone.

Conical Diving Competition.—J. W. Inglis, A. H. Triglone, A. G. Humphries.

Monte Cristo Race.—[illegible]

Seagull Club.—Ken. Chambers, F. C. V. Lane, A. Rosenthal, A. G. Humphries, A. H. Triglone, R. L. Baker.

Roman Rings.—A. G. Humphries, A. H. Triglone.

One Mile Champion Teams Race.—Sydney No. 1, Sydney No. 2, Rose Bay, East Sydney.

WATSON'S BAY LADIES' CLUB.

The above club's 50yd handicap resulted as follows:—Miss Alice Woodards, 1; Miss Rene Crosson, 2; Miss Elsie Crosson, 3. Time, 61s.

MANLY CLUB.

It will be seen by reference to advertisement that entries for the above club's carnival close on Saturday next. Free admission to the carnival will be given to all swimmers who enter for races.

GOULBURN SPORTS.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Our Boys' annual swimming carnival was held yesterday. Mr. Nicolls, of Sydney, gave a diving exhibition. Results:—

Club Handicap, 50yds.—J. Murphy, scr, 1; E. Stacey, 8s, 2. Time, 40s.

Novice Handicap, 25yds.—T. O'Leary, 9s, 1; L. Collins, 9s, 2. Time, 25 2-5s.

80yds Handicap.—A. Marsh, scr, 1; J. Murphy, 3s, 2. Time, 62s.

Ladies' Nomination, 50yds.—H. Blackett, 6s, 1; E. Stacey, 10s, 2. Time, 40s.

Diving.—Purschouse.

BOXING.

PROPOSED SQUIRES-JEFFRIES MATCH.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

According to present arrangements Squires will leave for San Francisco by the Sonoma on January 23 for the purpose of fighting Jeffries. Squires has received a reply to his cable to the effect that the Rhyolite offer is bona fide. Squires by no means regards the match as positively arranged, nor will he be satisfied on this score until he gets a cable message from Jeffries himself.

SPORTS AT GUYRA.

GUYRA, Thursday.

Oddfellows' sports were held on the showground yesterday in the presence of a large attendance. The weather was fine but cold, with a tendency to snow. Results:—

All-comers' Handicap, 100yds.—E. Pryke, 1; H. Moore, 2; W. Lavis, 3.

Throwing at Wicket.—M. Heagney.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—T. Devenish.

Tent Pegging.—E. Mitchell.

Balaclava Melee.—A. Heinisch.

Tilting at the Ring.—L. Heffernan.

High Jump.—J. Sullivan.

Oddfellows' Handicap.—S. Watson.

COMMONWEALTH RIFLE MATCH.

DETAILED SCORES.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Detailed scores of the Commonwealth rifle matches are:—

QUEENSLAND.

(Lieutenant Pye in charge.)

	300yds.	600yds.	700yds.	900yds.
J. Atwell	41	35	36	38
J. Langham	40	36	37	36
C. Bagley	39	39	40	45
Lieut. T. Pye	31	38	35	41
S. Lowden	41	41	33	36
G. Bradley	35	37	27	30
P. G. Matthews	35	44	38	46
A. Rease	30	42	38	42
G. Shaw	40	43	39	37
A. V. White	40	42	32	36

Total, 1526.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Major J. J. Paine and Captain Beardsmore in charge.)

	300yds.	600yds.	700yds.	900yds.
Corpl. S. Edwards	41	36	38	45
A. Cutler	39	45	33	34
W. Priddle	35	38	37	37
W. H. Tessimond	38	38	40	33
W. B. Clark	37	40	48	35
W. Cutler	41	48	35	37
G. L. Ardill	43	40	41	44
A. J. Thorpe	37	34	34	36
R. H. Walker	40	35	37	33
O. T. Hampton	37	41	35	42

Total, 1517.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(Colonel Dean in charge.)

	300yds.	600yds.	700yds.	900yds.
A. E. Millican	36	39	38	30
J. W. Mellor	32	35	30	31
J. H. Frith	36	34	45	41
W. Platt	37	41	36	36
J. T. Lake	41	43	40	40
C. Williams	39	44	34	38
G. F. Holliday	38	41	32	40
T. S. Bleechmore	32	38	27	40
C. C. Castini	36	32	34	46
G. Howitt	46	44	30	38

Total, 1487.

TASMANIA.

(Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Davies, C.M.G., in charge.)

	300yds.	600yds.	700yds.	900yds.
W. H. Dodie	41	43	24	42
E. G. Guthrie	42	41	33	34
Sergeant-major Croft	37	39	33	31
W. J. M'Elwee	33	32	30	30
T. Johnson	38	38	36	33
W. A. Pilbeam	39	40	38	38
R. Whittington	36	38	36	44
Corporal Crowhurst	38	41	34	30
C. S. Nook	35	34	40	37
Sergeant Hibbard	36	37	35	47

Total, 1486.

VICTORIA.

(Major Marshall in charge.)

	300yds.	600yds.	700yds.	900yds.
S. Long	38	40	34	30
G. A. Turner	44	40	32	35
P. Fargher	36	45	45	29
J. C. Morrell	30	40	43	27
J. Hudson	35	40	40	31
J. Gillick	39	41	40	34
R. Searle	38	39	33	28
J. Stuart	37	37	36	33
W. Williams	35	44	37	38
T. H. Williams	43	39	38	42

Total, 1485.

CITY COUNCIL.

SUSPENSION OF POWERHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT.

AN INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

The fortnightly meeting of the City Council was held last night, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor) presiding.

The Lord Mayor submitted the following minute with respect to the suspension of Mr. S. J. Bellemey, superintendent at the powerhouse:—"On the 30th ult I received a report from Mr. Rooke, chief of the electric light department, a copy of which was immediately forwarded to the aldermen, pointing out that Mr. Bellemey was not competent to carry out satisfactorily his duties as powerhouse superintendent; also indicating that through his negligence serious damage was caused to the storage battery. In fairness to Mr. Bellemey, a copy of this report was handed to him, to which he made reply. Several of his statements appeared to me to be serious reflections on the chief of staff and general discipline. I therefore placed the facts before Mr. Rooke, who made a further report. After carefully considering all the facts, Mr. Bellemey was requested to report himself to me. This interview took place on the 14th inst, when I felt it my duty to suspend him, and I informed him of the course I intended to adopt. I therefore recommend that such suspension be confirmed, and he be requested to resign, failing dismissal."

After some discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Meagher,—"That the subject matter of the Lord Mayor's minute regarding Mr. Bellemey's suspension, with matters appurtenant thereto, as contained in the several reports submitted, together with all matters appertaining to the general administration of the electricity supply department, be referred to the general purposes committee for consideration, investigation, and report."

The following are the reports referred to by the Lord Mayor:—

MR. ROOKE'S REPORT TO THE TOWN CLERK.

Town Hall, Sydney, November 30, 1906.

To the Town Clerk.

Sir,—I much regret that it is necessary for me to draw your attention to a most regrettable condition of affairs at the power-house.

You will recollect that on May 7 last I reported to the council the necessity of appointing a power-house superintendent to take immediate charge of the power-house machinery and plant. It was not, however, until the middle of July that an appointment was made, and when made it was entirely contrary to my recommendations. In fact, I felt so strongly on the matter that I declined all responsibility for the results which might ensue.

The council, however, adhered to their decision, and as promised to them, I have done my best to carry out their wishes and to assist the superintendent in the execution of his duties.

The power-house superintendent has been in the service since July 30 last, and during that time I have had excellent opportunities of watching his work. To the best of my knowledge he has done his best, but I see no reason whatever to alter my previous opinion that he was not and is not competent to carry out the duties of his position. In conversation with him, I have satisfied myself that his technical qualifications are insufficient, and from observation of his work I can only say that the power-house is at present in anything but a satisfactory condition. It is dirtier than it has ever been before within my knowledge, and there is more machinery out of repair and in need of repair than at any previous period. The storage battery has been filled up with salt water instead of distilled water, the superintendent himself having put salt water into it. This will probably cause permanent injury to the battery alone more than can be repaired for a sum exceeding the superintendent's annual salary. The cleaning and repairs of substation and power-house machinery has to be largely carried out by contractors, because the power-house superintendent has no time to do them, and the reason he has no time is that the work is done so inefficiently that it has to be done again and again. At the present time there are more cleaners and more assistance in the power-house than ever before. Since the appointment of the power-house superintendent we have had more trouble with the boilers and more trouble with the coal handling plant than previously.

The situation at the present time is one of drift. The council by their action in appointing a man contrary to the recommendation of the town clerk and myself struck a very severe blow at discipline, without which no undertaking can be successfully managed. The machinery is gradually getting into a state of disrepair, and the power house superintendent is quite incapable of repairing it, nor does he know how to repair it. The climax will probably come next winter if not earlier. There has already been a brief interruption of supply as a result of the general disorganisation of the department. The climax will probably be reached next winter, when the load begins to increase again, and I sincerely trust that it will not be a complete breakdown, lasting not over hours, but possibly over days.

In conclusion, I desire to state most emphatically that I have not, and never had, any desire to exercise any compulsion on the council as regards appointments. I ask only for qualified and competent men. I have never passed over the claims of an Australian employee or manufacturer; on the contrary, I could not possibly have done more than I have to encourage the Australian manufacturer and workman, consistent with my duty to the council.

I have done all in my power to assist the power-house superintendent, at the same time intimating to him that all necessary assistance and material should be supplied if he would apply for them. I have also told him my views, the views here expressed, more than once. But if the council intend to make a success of their electric lighting department they must have competent employees, regardless of sentiment, family, or favour.

I have the honour to be, yours faithfully,

T. ROOKE, City Elec. Engineer.

MR. BELLEMEY IN REPLY.

Sydney Municipal Council Power-house, Pyrmont, 5th December, 1906.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Allen Taylor, Town Hall, Sydney.

With reference to Mr. Rooke's report to the town clerk on November 30, 1906, I would draw your attention to the following:—

Dirty Condition of Station and Extra Cleaning Staff.—The extra cleaning staff mentioned by Mr. Rooke consists of one—a boy named Gleeson, about 15 years of age, who by Mr. Donoghue's instructions has been detailed to clean metal work about the station.

Extra Assistance Provided.—The extra assistance consists of three men, viz., Blair, a fitter; Stapleton, fitter's labourer; and Bow, a coaltrimmer. Of these, Bow's appointment had been promised some time before I took charge, and was the result of a statement by the firemen to Mr. Rooke that they were overworked. The appointment of Blair and Stapleton was rendered necessary by the amount of repair work that had accumulated from May 7, when the appointment of a superintendent was deemed necessary, up to July 30, when I took charge. Since their appointment they have continuously worked overtime, not because their work had to be done again and again, but because the work is too much for two men. Mr. Rooke has been so informed frequently.

Storage Battery.—Mr. Rooke's statement that I filled the battery with salt water is absolutely untrue. The means of obtaining water for the battery are not only inadequate, but unreliable. These facts I have frequently mentioned to Mr. Rooke, who even now persists in refusing to provide a still for use in the station. With the present means of obtaining water I should consider it purely an accident if the battery were maintained in an efficient condition. Further, when on October 5 last I ordered silver nitrate solution in order to test the water for salt, my order was cancelled at the Town Hall. Mr. Rooke is aware of this fact.

Interruption of Service.—Twice since July 30, 1906, there have been interruptions in the supply of electricity. On August 14, 1906, Lang Park substation cut out, due to a fault on the low-tension network. On November 20, 1906, Lang Park and Town Hall sub-stations cut out, due to a mistake on the part of a switchboard attendant, whilst under the supervision of Mr. Broe, one of our assistant engineers. Mr. Rooke has been advised of the reasons for these interruptions, and does not adhere too closely to facts when he affirms that either is due to disorganisation of the department.

Cleaning and Repairs to Power-house and Sub-station Machinery.—Contractors have been engaged by Mr. Rooke to overhaul boilers in the power-house. This is following, as far as I can ascertain, the practice adopted by town hall staff in April last. Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, the contractors, deem it necessary to send five men for this work. At the present time, including extra cleaners and assistance, the greatest number of employees on any one shift is 10; in addition, when the coal conveyer is running, two of the 10 have to look after it, that means that if I put five men on boiler overhaul whilst the conveyer is running there would be three men left to look after the remaining running plant. Does Mr. Rooke wish this to be the case? Should there be necessity to do repair work in the sub-section at the same time, I cannot find either time or men to do it. Mr. Rooke should be perfectly acquainted with these facts.

Trouble with Boilers and Coal-handling Plant.—The records in the power-house do not bear out Mr. Rooke's statements. No interruption of service has been threatened by boiler trouble since my appointment. There has been considerable trouble with the coal conveyer since July 30, but on looking at the power-house records I find that from April 27 until July 27 (three months) there have been numerically more delays and accidents to conveyer than from July 30 to November 30, a period of four months.

Personal Assistance from Mr. Rooke.—Mr. Rooke has not on any occasion been asked by me how to carry out any repair work, nor can I recollect that he has ever volunteered to give me any information on how to carry out repair work. To my mind his present statement as regards help is not compatible with a statement he made to me on July 3, 1906, after the electric light committee had recommended that my appointment be rescinded. On that date Mr. Rooke informed me that he quite expected the council would not adopt the electric light committee's resolution, but the trouble was only then beginning, as he was prepared to spend his last penny in fighting his side of the question. It is for this reason that I have asked you for an inquiry of the council in committee in order that the present report may, in the interests of the ratepayers and myself, be thoroughly probed, as I consider that the present report is but the forerunner of similar complaints, in pursuance of Mr. Rooke's policy expressed above.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

SIDNEY J. BELLEMEY.

MR. ROOKE IN REPLY TO MR. BELLEMEY.

City Electrical Engineer's Office, Town Hall, Sydney, 5th December, 1906.

The Town Clerk, Sydney. Sir,—In reply to Mr. Bellemey's letter of 4th inst, I have the honour to make the following observations:—

The men appointed to work in the power-house since Mr. Bellemey joined the service are:—Bow, extra trimmer and cleaner; Gleeson, cleaner; Blair, fitter; Stapleton, fitter's labourer.

The station was kept clean before the appointment of these men, and also in a better state of repair than at present. Their appointment has necessarily set free the regular shift men, who can do more cleaning than hitherto.

The amount of work to be done has not been increased, nor have extra men been asked for by Mr. Bellemey; in fact, he has been averse to any increase when offered to him.

Storage Battery.—Salt water was not put into the battery before Mr. Bellemey's appointment, nor were the arrangements for providing distilled water found inadequate. The battery had been working for upwards of two years before Mr. Bellemey's appointment, and was in excellent condition at the time of his appointment.

As regards putting salt water into the battery there can be no doubt whatever, and Mr. Bellemey has admitted having obtained water from a salt water source of supply, and having put it into the battery without testing it for salt.

No order for silver nitrate has been cancelled, nor has any request for a supply been received and disregarded.

Interruption of Service.—The only interruption of the service which I attribute to Mr. Bellemey is that which occurred on 20th November. Owing to the disrepair of certain machinery, the supply was being given under abnormal and emergency conditions, a mistake was made, and the supply interrupted.

Mr. Bellemey's remarks on cleaning and repairs to power-house and sub-station machinery, and trouble with boilers and coal-handling plant, appear to be made in extenuation of a state of affairs it was his duty to remedy. The boilers have been in a worse condition since he has been in charge of them than previously, and the coal-handling plant has given more trouble, simply on account of inattention.

As regards Mr. Bellemey's remarks on personal assistance from me, I regret that we should differ so completely on facts. He also accuses me of gross disrespect towards the council, which is, I assume, intended to divert attention from the real issues of the case.

So far as I am aware, my attitude to the council has always been one of respect fitting from a servant to his employer. I have consistently endeavoured to carry out the council's instructions, and shall continue to do so as long as I am in their service. Mr. Bellemey's statement about "spending the last penny in fighting" is untrue. That he should be capable of such a statement helps to bear out my contention that the discipline of the department has suffered greatly by his appointment.

I have told him repeatedly that I would do my utmost to help him; so far as I know, I have done so. I have also told him that I required, and expected, efficiency, and would use my utmost endeavour to obtain it, even at the cost of my own position as city electrical engineer. That my own position is jeopardised by reason of my complete disagreement with the council on Mr. Bellemey's appointment, I do not for a moment doubt, and no one regrets more than I that this should be so; but the personal interests of every member of the department, from the chief downwards, must be subordinate to the good and efficiency of the service.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. ROOKE, City Electrical Engineer.

RESERVE RESUMPTION ACCOUNT.

The following recommendation was made by the Finance Committee:—"That in accordance with a minute by the Lord Mayor, dated 20th December, 1906, of the credit balance remaining after all liabilities are discharged for the year, estimated at about 32,500, a sum of £27,500, which will not be required for other purposes, be paid into the reserve resumption account, to be interest bearing, bringing such account up to £32,500; the amount payable for interest, etc., this year for resumptions to be made a charge against this reserve when the amount is finally ascertained."

It was decided that the amount to be paid to the fund should be £25,000.

The Finance Committee recommended:—"That in accordance with a minute by the Lord Mayor, dated 20th December, 1906, with regard to recent legislation which empowers the Council to equip and maintain a free public library out of the general revenue, and the desirability of the Council availing themselves of the powers thus given, the Hon. the Premier be requested to allow Mr. H. C. L. Anderson to make a full report on the whole question of organising and equipping a municipal free library for the city."

Alderman T. H. Kelly was opposed to the recommendation, as he thought that the work in connection with the library was being carried out satisfactorily under present arrangements.

After discussion the recommendation was carried by 16 votes to 4.

CONTROL OF THE ABATTOIRS.

It was resolved that a deputation from the Council should wait on the Premier to ascertain the Government's intention in regard to the control of the abattoirs.

THE LATE PRINCIPAL RAINY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of December 24 I notice an article on the late Principal Rainy by the Rev. R. G. Macintyre, entitled, "An Appreciation." To that "appreciation" I desire to add a protest.

I am a mere member of the public, but as a Scotchman, I feel impelled, in justice to my nationality, to contradict the utterly erroneous impressions which Mr. Macintyre's statements concerning Scotch history, lay and ecclesiastic, are calculated to produce.

Mr. Macintyre remarks: "Scotland's great men have not been her nobles, but her ecclesiastics. Plain presbyters and not titled nobility have been her heroes and her leaders," and describes the nobility of Scotland as "a long dark lane of names which Scotland would forget were they not written in her own blood as the oppressors of their country and the enemies of her liberty." This statement is sufficient to rouse the indignation of any Scotchman worthy of the name.

As the "plain presbyters" did not exist previous to the sixteenth century, what is to be said of the centuries which went before?

The name which stands out above all others in our national history is that of Robert the Bruce. This man stands alone. He has no rivals, and no second. All that Scotland is to-day she owes primarily to his efforts, and he was the descendant not only of generations of "titled nobility" but also of an ancient line of kings.

Further, during the struggle for national independence, and the subsequent wars with England, if we except the period of confusion and disunion following on the abdication of Baliol, the nobility of Scotland were in the forefront of her defenders against Southern aggression, the great houses of Douglas, Murray, Mar, Buccleugh, Crawford, Ross, Buchan, and dozens of others being justly entitled to our regard as having manfully done their duty to the country from which they sprang, and their names are certainly regarded by Scotchmen as among the greatest in the annals of their country.

Mr. Macintyre's three "scattered lights" in the black lane of Scotch nobility are the Regent Moray, the "saintly Marquis of Argyle," and Lord Wariston, men whose motives and character, to speak justly and impartially, are open to decided question.

Moray was undoubtedly an able ruler, but his actions were largely guided by personal interest. His assassination by Bothwellhaugh is ascribed by tradition to his alleged action in burning the castle of the latter and turning his wife out naked into the night, resulting in her loss of reason. I do not say this is a fact; it is a tradition.

The "saintly" Argyle is strongly suspected of having handed over Charles I. (who had virtually placed himself under his protection) to the English Parliament in return for monetary remuneration. Argyle certainly met his death on the scaffold with courage and pious resignation, as did also the Marquis of Montrose, an adherent of the opposite side, and every whit as entitled to the epithet of "saintly" as Argyle himself, though I make no doubt Mr. Macintyre includes him in his black list.

Of Lord Wariston, there is also a tradition that upon his receiving sentence of death he implored his Judges for mercy, crying out with tears that he had "forgotten everything that was in the Bible." Again, I do not say that this is a fact, but, as in the case of Moray, a tradition. Of course these three men had the saving grace of being zealous presbyters.

Mr. Macintyre considers that the names preeminently cherished by Scotland are Knox, Melville, Henderson, Chalmers, Candlish, and other "men in white bands and black Geneva gowns."

This is merely theological prejudice. Some of these names are known only to small sections of the community, while others are so deeply tinged with the "odium theologicum" as to rouse, more than anything else, feelings of bitter animosity, very different to those excited by the names of Wallace, Bruce, Douglas, Buccleugh, and Montrose. That Scotland owes much to Knox I do not deny, but Knox would have been powerless had he not received the support of the greater part of that nobility which Mr. Macintyre contemns. "The Lords of the Congregation," headed by Morton, Glencairn, Ruthven, Lindsay, and Cassilis were really the men who fastened the reformation on Scotland, which has had, perhaps, rather too much of "black Geneva gowns" in its latter history. Had those "plain presbyters" had their way they would probably have imposed on the country a tyranny more intolerable than that of their opponents, because animated by a "dark and vehement religion," which knew neither tolerance nor charity. The sermons delivered at the conventicles of the later seventeenth century will fully bear out what I say. Regarding the late Principal Rainy, I do not desire to say more than that he emphatically did not, as Mr. Macintyre would seemingly have us believe, voice the ecclesiastical views of all Scotland. He was the leader of a section, the larger section, of a dissentient Presbyterian body, the Free Church. He succeeded in his life's object of uniting that Church with an older dissentient body, the United Presbyterians. The two merged in one are now the United Free Church of Scotland. He also did everything in his power to overthrow the established Church of that country. His efforts in both directions doubtless received the approbation of those of his way of thinking. As to how he was regarded by the minority in the Free Church, and by the entire adherents of the Established Church of Scotland, I am silent.

I am, etc.,

GEORGE J. S. ROSS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space to make a few remarks in reply to some statements contained in the "Appreciation" of the late Principal Rainy from the pen of the Rev. R. G. Macintyre, B.A., B.D., which appeared in Monday's issue.

1.—In regard to the non-recognition by the Free Church of Scotland of the Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria, after the consummation of the union in 1859, allow me to quote from two authorities. The Rev. Dr. Robert Sutherland, M.A., one of the historians of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, writes on page 308 of the history:—"When the separation took place between the majority and minority of the free synod of Victoria" . . . the latter said, "We belong to the free synod of Victoria; we have come out here to advocate the distinctive principles of the Free Church of Scotland, and we refuse to unite with Erastians and Voluntaries." This position, in itself narrow no doubt, was logically unassailable, and the leaders of the majority, able men, and the still abler leaders of the Free Church of Scotland, failed to overthrow it.

The late Dr. James Begg was one of the ablest men in the Free Church of Scotland. In addressing the General Assembly in 1873 on the union question he said:—"The only question which has arisen since has been in connection with the Church of Victoria, and that was not decided by our Church in any formal way; it was the subject of a mere deliverance of the assembly. Of course that deliverance cannot override the law of the Church, and my understanding of that deliverance was not that we absolutely bound ourselves to approve of the union or the basis on which it had been formed, excepting generally and simply to the effect that we would not withdraw our support from that Victorian Church.' Mr. Macintyre knows that a church's spiritual success does not depend on its recognition by another section of the Church, but on her subjection to Christ as her only head, and to His written word as her only standard. As a matter of fact, the Free Church in Victoria continues to this day as a faithful witness on behalf of the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible. Many have through her instrumentality been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

2.—Mr. Macintyre's condemnation of the decision of the House of Lords of August 1, 1904. "The real Free Church," he says, "was stripped of everything." By this designation Mr. Macintyre means the majority of the Free Church of Scotland who seceded in 1900, and joined the U. P. Church, forming a new denomination, called the United Free Church, different in name and constitution to the Free Church of Scotland. The following facts prove this to a demonstration:—(a) The seceding majority had repudiated the "Establishment principle," which was a fundamental principle in the constitution of the Free Church; (b) it had also changed the constitution by adopting a Declaratory Act in 1892, its object being to free ministers and professors from being bound to the standards of the Church, and yet leave these standards in the eyes of the people as if they were unchanged. The late Mr. Harry Long, the popular lecturer and veteran debater of Glasgow, wrote of this document, "I have read and written of these matters somewhat carefully for 50 years, and declare with a deep sense of solemn responsibility to the Great Head of the Church, before Whom I shall soon stand I have not read so offensive a document of such limited dimensions emanating from any evangelical church. My deliberate verdict is, a clumsily laid down road leading to Socinianism; (c) the majority had moreover tolerated the rationalistic views of the higher critics. These views Mr. Macintyre calls the "new light," and writes approvingly of the policy of the majority in refusing to put out this new light. Let us see what the new light was. In 1880 Professor Robertson Smith in his writings openly questioned the authenticity of some passages of Scripture, the Church was aroused, and something had to be done. A committee was appointed to investigate his works, and on their report he was deposed. Ten years later Dr. Bruce and Dr. Dods took the lead in undermining the authority of the Scriptures, and the Deity of Christ, two essential doctrines, surely. "The Kingdom of God," by Dr. Bruce, indicated the proportions which the higher criticism had now assumed. Here the trustworthiness of the Gospels as records of the facts of Christ's life is impugned. He speaks of Luke as changing sayings of Christ to remove an element of apparent legalism from our Lord's utterances, and to bring them into more complete harmony with the evangelical or Pauline habit of thought and expression (page 8), and of toning down sayings of Christ to place Him in a better light (page 23). He further conceived it possible that Luke may have invented narratives as settings for some of Christ's sayings. In the same work (page 233) he controverts the accepted view of Christ as the Son of God willingly and knowingly being crucified as an atonement for the sin of mankind, and presents Him rather as under human limitations, foretelling His fate, not by omniscience, but by divining of the prophets who had preceded Him, and trying to invest the harsh prosaic fact—that is, His crucifixion—with poetic, mystic, spiritual meaning. When the case of these professors came before the General Assembly in 1890 it was practically hushed up, and they were informed they could teach from their own convictions. And yet these ministers when ordained solemnly declared that they believed the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. It was a decided retiring from the impregnable position of the heroes of 1843. One of these, Dr. Thomas Guthrie, in addressing the Free Church General Assembly in 1862, said:—"Far less do I sympathise with those who, having embraced the German errors, still hold their livings, and, so doing, deal with the most sacred vows after a fashion that, I take leave to say, would in commerce be counted fraud . . . and would in the affairs of State brand a man with the name of traitor. If ministers of the Church may do what Ministers of the State cannot—may sign one thing, and believe and act upon another—then in 1843 we were martyrs by mistake. We might have held our livings and our principles in that way." The late Mr. Spurgeon, writing in 1889, at the time of the case, said:—"The Free Church of Scotland must unhappily be for the moment regarded as rushing to the front with its new theology, which is no theology, but an opposition to the Word of the Lord. That Church in which we all gloried as sound in the faith and full of martyrs' spirit has entrusted the training of its future ministers to professors who hold other doctrines than those of its confession. This is the most suicidal act a Church could commit." Since the Free Church in 1890 practically put is imprimatur upon "the New Light" rationalistic views flooded the Church. An examination of the works of Professor George Adam Smith, of Glasgow, shows to what extent the "New Light" has grown. In Modern Criticism (pages 91-92) he says "the book of Genesis is largely composed of myths and legends." In statement of college committee (page 14) he says "that the Pentateuch was not written by Moses, and Moses never gave the laws attributed to him." In "Modern Criticism" (pages 77-78) he says "that the books of Samuel and Kings are composed of narratives of various worth." In this way he proceeds through the most of the Old Testament, discarding the stories of Elisha, David, Ruth, Jonah, the Book of Isaiah, the Psalms, etc. It is quite evident from the foregoing quotations that the whole effect of the German thought is to remove authority from the Scriptures, and place it in human reason.

In view of the above evidence and much more that could be adduced, the only conclusion impartial judges can arrive at is that the majority of the Free Church who joined the U. P. Church in 1900 was not "the true Free Church," as asserted by Mr. Macintyre. This honour belonged to those, who, in the face of opposition and ridicule, stood by the Bible, their ordination vows, and the distinctive principles of the Church of 1843. Mr. Macintyre, if I mistake not, was one of the 643 who voted in favour of the union. The House of Lords was an impartial tribunal, under the highest obligation to adjudicate without fear or favour. Their decision, by a majority of 5 to 2 in favour of the faithful minority, was just: (1) That the association or body of Christians calling themselves the United Free Church of Scotland has no right, title, or interest in any part of the whole land, property, sums of money, and others, which stood vested as at the 30th day of October, 1900, in the Right Hon. John Campbell, Baron Overtoun, and others, as general trustees of the Free Church of Scotland; and (2) that the said appellants (minority), and those adhering to and lawfully associated with them, conform to the constitution of the Free Church of Scotland, are and lawfully represent the Free Church of Scotland, and are entitled to have the whole of the said lands, property, and funds applied according to the terms of the trust upon which they are respectively held for behoof of themselves and those so adhering to and associated with them, and their successors, as constituting the true and lawful Free Church of Scotland." Mr. Macintyre says "that the Church had decided that union was according to the mind of Christ." So, indeed, it is, but not unions based on compromises which necessitate the surrender of governing principles. The minority were ardent unionists on Scriptural basis, but were not in favour for the sake of an outward union, to surrender their belief in the Divine authority of the Bible, and the confessional doctrines, which had been the bulwark of the Church of Scotland for centuries. The seceding majority showed in a very extraordinary manner that they were animated by the "mind of Christ" when they shut and locked the gates of the Assembly Hall against the minority and placed two policemen on guard inside the gates. It was a very pathetic sight to see the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland locked out of their own Assembly Hall, and compelled to constitute in the street on a wet wintry morning amid hostile shouts. The mind of Christ, indeed! Would Christ have acted in that manner towards men who were contending for the integrity of His word, His Deity, and all the doctrines that revolve round His person and His cross? Let one incident illustrate "the mind of Christ." When the disciples complained to Him that they saw one casting out devils in His name, and they forebade him because he did not follow them. He replied, "Forbid him not, for no man can do these things in my name and speak lightly of Me."

Apologising for trespassing so much on your valuable space,

I am, etc.,

WM. McDONALD.

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen.)

DISPUTE ABOUT A CONTRACT.

Nixon and another v Howes.

Mr Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. J. R. Baxter Bruce and Company, appeared for the defendant, H. J. Howes, and moved for leave to plead cross action. Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Crichton-Smith and Monahan, appeared for the plaintiffs, Messrs. Nixon and Adams. The latter had commenced an action against defendant to recover £146 12s 2d in connection with the building of certain houses, and the defendant desired to plead a cross action, claiming £300 compensation for alleged breach of contract. The application was, by consent, granted.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen.)

PETITIONS FOR SEQUESTRATION.

John Alexander Sellar v Charles Ternand Joubert. Mr. Iceton Smith appeared for the petitioning creditor, and moved for an order of sequestration. There was no appearance on behalf of the respondent, and the order was made, as asked. Mr. L. T. Lloyd was appointed official assignee.

Toohey's, Ltd., v W. J. Moore. On the motion of Mr. F. B. Freehill, who appeared for the petitioning creditors, an order of sequestration was made against the respondent, who did not appear, and Mr. W. H. Palmer was appointed official assignee.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Sidney Cooper, of the Ponds, near Inverell, miner. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

James Murray, of Wellington, contractor. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

William Cook, of Wrightville, labourer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

POLICE COURTS.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. King, D.S.M., Edward Bowden, 19, dealer, was fined £5, in default two months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for having assaulted Edwin Stephens in West street, Darlinghurst, on the 20th instant.

CHARGES OF THEFT.

Robert Bell, 28, cook, was at the Central Police Court yesterday fined £5, or two months' imprisonment, on a charge of stealing a coat and vest, valued at £1, the property of William Manning, at Sydney, on December 20 last. At the same court Mary Lemon, 37, was fined £2, or one month's imprisonment, on a charge of stealing a pair of trousers and other articles, valued at £1 2s 6d, the property of Willie Bow, at Sydney, on December 20. George Donnelly, 18, labourer, was fined £5, or two months' imprisonment, on a charge of stealing the sum of £2 and various articles, valued in all at £4 1s, the property of John Lamond, between Nyngan and Fermington, on or about December 15 last.

DESTROYING RAILWAY PROPERTY.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., a boy named James Parle was charged with having on December 16 wilfully injured three windows in the railway workshops, at Eveleigh, doing damage to the extent of 4s, the property of the Railway Commissioners. Constable Cooper saw the accused and a number of others at Alexandria. The accused threw five stones at the railway workshops, and several windows were broken by the stones. Henry Bryant Howe, railway works manager, gave evidence that within the past few months no less than 278 windows in the workshops had been broken through stone-throwing. The defendant admitted that he was there on the occasion referred to along with a number of others. Some of the boys were throwing stones at pigeons on the roof of the workshops, but witness was sitting against the fence, and he did not throw any stones. He was convicted, and was fined £1, and ordered to pay 4s damage and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for three weeks.

THEFT FROM A SHOP.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Rebecca Levy, aged 22, was charged with having stolen one pair of sandalettes, of the value of 27s, the property of Charles H. Gardiner, of Redfern. Evidence was given by Ruby Devine, a saleswoman employed in Mr. Gardiner's shop, that the accused and another woman came into the establishment to purchase a pair of boots. While her companion was being served the accused suddenly left the shop, and as soon as she had gone witness missed the boots, which were odd sizes. That meant that two pair were spoiled, and the value of them was £1 7s. The accused was fined £5, in default imprisonment for two months.

STEALING A WHIP.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., John Donovan, aged 29, was charged with having stolen a whip, valued at 2s 6d, the property of Henry Haier, at Alexandria, on the 14th inst. Defendant was fined 10s, in default imprisonment for seven days.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Thomas Douglas, aged 20, was charged with having assaulted George Wright, occasioning him actual bodily harm. Evidence was given that the two men were at an open-air concert at Alexandria. Trouble arose, and Wright struck the accused. Both men rolled each other over on the ground, and during the struggle Wright had his ear bitten nearly off. He was taken to Prince Alfred Hospital, and admitted by Dr Parkinson. Wright, in his evidence, could not say who bit his ear, while an eye-witness heard Wright call out while the men were struggling on the ground, "Oh, my ear; he has bitten it off." The accused, who denied the charge, was committed for trial, and was allowed bail.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Walter Sealy, aged 26, was charged with having attempted to commit suicide by taking phosphorus at Waterloo on December 20. The accused stated that he had had domestic trouble, and took the poison, for which he was sorry. He was ordered to be imprisoned until the rising of the court.

ADULTERATED MILK.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday Walter Rice was charged with selling adulterated milk. The percentage of added water was 7½. Rice, who had been previously convicted for a similar offence, was fined £10 with 6s costs, or in default 21 days' gaol.

TROUBLE OVER A DOG.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., George James Clark, 34, bookkeeper, was charged with having at Illilawa station, near Hay, on December 14, stolen a collie dog of the value of £15, the property of Peter Chivers. Accused was fined £5, ordered to pay £2 costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

ASSAULT AT BALMORAL.

Before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., yesterday, at the North Sydney Police Court, Norman Quinn, 17, carter, appeared to answer a charge of unlawfully assaulting Frederick Kelly at Balmoral Beach on Boxing Day. A fine of £3 was imposed, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Yesterday tenders for the following works were opened by the Tender Board of the Public Works Department:—Low level timber beam bridge over Timbillica River, road Eden, via Timbillica, to border, one tender, Mr. William Manning, £830, lowest. Timber beam bridges over Stoney Creek at Toronto, road Toronto to Fassifern, four tenders, Mr. Charles Callen, £894 7s 8d, lowest. Bridge over Frazer's Creek, at Ashford, one tender, to be reported on. Bridge over Rocky Creek, road Lismore-Dunoon-Terania Creek road, two tenders, to be reported on. Additional spans on bridge over Macintyre River at Tingha Crossing, three tenders, to be reported on. Timber beam bridge over Tom's Gully, road Armidale towards Inverell, five tenders, to be reported on. Bridge over Cope's Creek, road Inverell to Bundarra, no tenders received.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BLAND.—For the position of shire clerk, salary £3 per week, Mr. T. A. Crowe was almost unanimously selected from seven candidates. The president's allowance was fixed at £50, and it was decided that West Wyalong be the official working centre of the shire. It was resolved that an application be made to the Colonial Treasurer for an advance of £500. The estimated amount required for expenditure during the year is £4000, as the country roads are in an almost untouched state and traffic is heavy. Owing to the newness of settlement in the district there will be many extra calls for expenditure. It was resolved to ask that this be classified a sixth class or most heavily subsidised shire.

COOLAMON.—Mr. F. W. Hawkes, of Wagga, has been appointed shire clerk. Mr. F. W. Statham, roads engineer of Narrandera, has been appointed. This shire is working with Yanko and Wunnamurra shires, each contributing £200.

TENTERFIELD.—Mr. C. Dengate, clerk in the local roads office, has been appointed shire clerk at Ashford.

BAD BREATH.

HOW TO CURE IT.

If a tooth is healthy when it is out, the influence that led to its destruction came from without, and not from within. First of all, the hard yet brittle enamel coating over a molar is cracked either by biting thread or nuts or the use of gritty dental powders. So soon as the first fissure has been made in the enamel, the softer dentine beneath is eaten away by the germs that fill the neglected mouth, and it is upon the exposure of the nervous pulp in the inner section of the tooth that toothache, neuralgia, boils, and abscesses are liable to occur.

The most effective way to ensure freedom from destruction is to medicate the mouth by the daily use of Zam-Buk Powder, the rare properties of which are germicidal or germ-killing and antiseptic or sanative. It prevents the formation of tartar and acid accumulations, and neutralises the effects of decomposing food or flesh particles held in the decayed cavities and interstices or junctions of the teeth, the presence of which poisons the saliva, and gives forth in the mouth that repulsive odour commonly known as "Bad Breath."

Zam-Buk Tooth Powder neutralises all unhealthy secretions, and purifies the mouth. Of all chemists at 1s 1½d per box, or for same price, post free, from the Zam-Buk Mnfg. Co., 39 Pitt-street, Sydney.

By sending this par, and 1d stamp (for return postage) to the Zam-Buk Mnfg. Co., you will receive a dainty free sample tin by return mail.—Advt.

'TWIXT SWORD AND GLOVE.

BY ARCHIBALD CLAVERING GUNTER.

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CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.

Then, as the boy goes hastily out, De Conflans says tersely, "Now, young lady, I must take you to where they will not degrade you to a singing woman, so you may in happier day perchance be acknowledged a princess."

"That means out of France!" is Amelie's despairing comment.

"Yes, there is an Austrian Emperor who wants her as well as Louis of France."

"You will be for ever considered a traitor." His sister wrings her hands.

"Not to my love! Anyway, if this lady will trust herself to a humble servant, who will try to right the wrong his mistake has this night done her——"

"Mistake! The papers?"

"Forgeries by someone. I had the true ones, I can swear it. I read them that night at St. Jean-de-Luz. I read them again as I delivered them to D'Argenson."

"D'Argenson! He has done it!" cries Elena.

"Oh, I think not. I think he is your friend. His emissary saved you from the theatre tonight without a brawl. No, someone else did it," is Bertram's response. "But, Amelie, get the Princess d'Este into some travelling garments and well cloaked and hooded. The night is very cold. Some change of raiment in a valise for her. Her journey will be long. I'll step over and tell De Guiche what he must do for your safety from this night's affair."

Bertram leaves the two shuddering women and walks slowly, for he is still weak from loss of blood through the darkness of the alleys of Versailles to the Orangery. Here he finds De Guiche attended by Gasparin and half crazy with impatience.

Taking Albert aside, he tells him as shortly as possible the misadventures of the night. "You understand?" he says shortly.

"Yes, I understand!" wails his sister's suitor. "You have ruined yourself for ever. Your head will fall if you are caught!"

"That I will prevent. These documents to D'Argenson, taken from the Italian, may prove he was a traitor to France. Do what you can for me, but more for my sister. Wed her—make her happy! Don't come with me! That might compromise you as to Di Rovigo's killing." He wrings his comrade's hand.

"You will be a deserter from the mousquetaires. You must report."

"No, no—impossible. What's one more crime to a fugitive who will have every bloodhound in France after him to-morrow? For that reason I must hurry. Adieu; I go to Italy, direct."

Bertram, followed by Gasparin, returns to Amelie's villa. There he finds Elena cloaked, hooded, and ready for her journey.

"Now, Princess d'Este, come. Amelie, good-bye." The brother is in the sister's arms.

"But I shall never see you more, Bertram—never more!" sobs Madame de Bellecour brokenly.

"Oh, yes you will. This is but the first throw of the dice. There will be others in the great game now on in Italy." Bertram's voice is confident. He has reserved from the papers of the dead Di Rovigo the passport for the Italian Marquis and retinue to journey both to and from France to Milan. A wild thought enters him that he may use it to escape to Italy.

So, with hasty words of hope to the half-swooning Amelie, he tears himself from her clinging arms.

A moment later he has placed the Princess d'Este in the waiting coach. Gasparin springs upon the box beside the coachman. To the driver Bertram hastily commands, "Drive at full speed to the first station to the south of Versailles."

Already he is beside Elena, and is promising her he will soon have her under her own Italian skies, when suddenly, as they dash along, he utters a low cry. "The other one! I must save her!"

Elena gazes on him astonished. Is he delirious?

"You have saved your sister. You have saved me," she whispers. "Whom must you save now?"

"Beatrice di Oresco."

"Oh, that woman!" The girl wrings her hands jealously.

"Yes, my prisoner, now helpless to escape the stripes of the executioner and the branding iron. I must give her one chance of safety."

He calls hastily out to the coachman, "Turn your horses; drive back to Paris. Stop at the deserted shop of the silversmith, Mezieres, on the Rue de Nevers! A doubloon if you hurry your steeds!"

The man, turning about, whips up his nags again, and they race over the four leagues to Paris, each league taking him further from the Italian border, each one of them a double delay and danger to his life—perchance his love.

For the girl is wringing her hands and wildly imploring, "Stop! stop! Think of your own safety." Finally she sighs, "You love this Italian woman or you would not risk so much for her."

"No, no; but I have made a promise. The poor creature should have a chance to escape from the penalty of her husband's crime. That is all. I love but you. But—but to say that now, when you are entirely dependent on my honour, is despicable. An outlaw should not woo a lady who will one day be a princess."

But she whispers, simply, "Princess or empress either, I shall always love you!" and Bertram forgets he is an outlaw in the rapture of her sweet words, the tenderness of her caressing arms.

Something over an hour later their coach stops at the Maison de Fiacres in the Rue St. Antoine. Here Bertram orders a well-horsed postchaise to follow them. Then they drive to the Rue de Nevers as the clock of Notre Dame is striking 11. Here De Conflans, leaving Elena in the coach, drags himelf up the stairs, quite weak from loss of blood.

To his rapping on Beatrice's door he hears a faint cry: "Who is it? Who is there?"

"Bertram."

"Oh, God, come to me at last!"

"Yes, let me in at once. I have a few words for you."

A moment later, with a light wrapper thrown upon her svelte and graceful form, her feet in slippers, Madame di Oresco admits him.

To him, noting his bandaged arm, she shudders: "Wounded?"

To his prisoner he says brokenly: "Failed!"

"Failed!" Dio mio, I am naked to Pomereu's torture-chamber!" Beneath her light drapery every rounded muscle in Beatrice trembles; she sways and almost falls.

"Yes, failed; but killed Di Rovigo, who is the trusted friend of Madame de Maintenon, the man in whom she still believes."

Here the poor woman's terror for herself changes into anxiety for him. She falters distractedly, "Ohime, you have made yourself a fugitive—you will be——"

"Executed if they catch me. As such, I can do nothing for you except to tell you to save yourself. Here is gold." He forces upon her a handful of louis d'or. "That will aid your flight to-night."

At his words the dark eyes of the shuddering lady blaze like stars; rapture flies into her low tones. "God be praised, my own, you take me with you!"

"That is impossible!" Bertram's voice is sorrowful, but inflexible. "I have no passport for you! That you must gain with the money in your hand. There are passports for sale in the Italian colony."

"Yes, yes, perhaps I can get one. I'll not stay your flight—you go to Italy—at the inn called Rebecchino, in Milan, I will meet you! Quick, flight is your one chance. God bless you for thinking of me in your despair, my darling!"

The unselfish anxiety in her eyes and voice touches the soldier. He whispers, "Flight is your only safety as well as mine. Buy the passport. That is all an outlaw like me can do for an unfortunate like you."

"Who blesses you for what you have risked for her—who will try to save herself so that she will again see your face. Oh, Bertram, should—should we never meet again!"

For one instant the rounded arms of Beatrice di Oresco held him as if they would never let him go. Then she forces him from her, and whispers, "Fly at once! I'll not be the one to put danger on you."

And he, stepping from her chamber, goes slowly, but as fast as his wound will permit, down the stairs. She flits to the window and peers out into the gloom of the street, striving to see the last of him she loves, of him she may, perchance, never see again.

Suddenly a moan of anguish tears itself from her lips. She sees Bertram trying, as gallantly as his hurt permits, to escort a graceful lady from the coach that had brought him to the post chaise that is waiting to bear him out of France. "'Tis Elena," she gasps. "That's the reason he couldn't take me with him: that's the reason he has no passport for me—but one for her!" and the talons of jealousy torture her Italian heart till it is very riotous. She writhes as her eyes follow the post chaise dashing down the Rue de Nevers. "Lost to me!" she moans, "she'll bind up his wounds, her eyes will smile into his—her hands will soothe his journey—she'll make him love her." In her torment she half shrieks, "Some way to get a passport—some way to save myself from the clutches of Pomereue, so I can follow him!"

At this moment a hand is laid upon her arm; a shrill, piping, German voice is chuckling, "Save thyself? Impossible without a passport. But I will save you if you will aid me."

"Aid you," Mezieres—how?"

"Aid me to get that girl from him."

"Aha!" This is a delirious gasp of joy. "We must follow her. I want her for—my master."

"But you cannot obtain a passport."

"I can obtain everything. I am the agent not only of William of Orange, but of the Emperor Leopold of Austria. Passports are ready. Besides, I have in my breast the papers to make that young lady the Princess d'Este."

"The papers you have stolen from Bertram! Now I know how he was ruined."

"The papers that will give him to you," chuckles the silversmith. "Do you want him? Do you want happiness?"

"Yes, yes, I want him—for that means happiness."

"Dress yourself, cloak yourself and come with me! I will have a post chaise here within five minutes. The mousquetaire, by the way his carriage turned, makes his exit from Paris through the Pont aux Tripes. We must follow him. Donnervetter, this is rare luck, his coming back here. Otherwise, I might have missed the girl. Be ready in five minutes."

The old man runs excitedly from the room. Within the time he has stated a post chaise, superbly horsed with quick, whipping riders, is in front of Mezieres' deserted shop in the Rue de Nevers. Beatrice, arrayed for the journey and heavily cloaked, comes running down to him.

(To be continued.)

THE APATHY OF ELECTORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read your leading article in your issue of 18th inst referring to the sectarian vote in favour of the socialist party at the recent Federal elections. I am of the opinion that Protestant ministers took a hand in the election too. On the Sunday prior to the election several Protestant clergymen preached against socialism. Christ was a socialist and democrat too, but of a different type to either the Watson or Reid parties, or present time leaders of Christianity either. The socialism that Christ advocated in His time brought about His crucifixion, and would do so to-day if some people had their way.

I am sure during the recent election a strong sectarian vote was cast on both sides, narrowed down to under 50 per cent. of the electors. The other 50 per cent. refrained from voting being too broad-minded to do so. While this state of affairs exists the broad-minded elector who cannot mix politics with religion will be conspicuous by his absence from the polling booth. I believe Mr. Watson did get a strong Catholic vote and the vote of the worker Protestant, or otherwise, who places Labour in politics first, irrespective of creed.

Permit me, as an obscure layman, to inform the heads of the various Christian churches that if they are going to interfere in the politics of this young nation, and sow seeds of discord amongst the Australian people, the rising generation will drift upon the shoals of infidelity and materialism.

Religion and politics should be as far apart as the poles, one governing for the well-being of the body, the other the soul. Christianity, the emblem of all that is good and purifying, entwines in good fellowship and brotherly love, as defined in the teachings of Christ, is now the scapegoat of selfish political aspirants, in whom patriotism and love of country is as dead as Adam. If Christianity is helpless to suppress vice without the aid of drastic and prohibitive political measures, then I say emphatically that the prohibition of vice by Act of Parliament is not going to kill vice any more than the fires of persecution killed Christianity in the past or any Christian sect thereof. Drastic measures tend to make men cunning and law breakers.

Let the leaders of Christianity spread broadcast the seeds of brotherly love, and stand shoulder to shoulder in advocating and safeguarding the spiritual welfare of the people, for in that mission field there is much fruit to be garnered. I am positive a happy combination of the Christian churches, acting up to the teachings of Christ working in the fields of social reform, apart from politics, would do more for the reformation of the people from the world's vices than all the Acts of Parliament can or ever will do.

To-day what percentage of the male adult Christian population in these States attend their respective churches? Less than 30 per cent. Why? Because the teachings of the lowly Nazarene may be preached but not practised. Go into any Christian church on Sunday, and what will you see? Ten hats on to one off amongst the adult portion of the congregation, and Christianity is thus holding on to the apron strings of the opposite sex to save it from disaster.

In my opinion the grave dangers are the rocks ahead in the appearance of a new political party, materialistic and godless, and those who now refuse to avail themselves of the franchise are sufficiently strong to create a new political party of any description.

Having passed my life amongst miners and bush workers, the general expression of opinion that one hears at camp fires, mining camps, and shearing sheds, is not at all flattering to ministers of the Gospel, who take a hand in endeavouring to guide the political destinies of this country. The generality of bush workers are readers, and have got more intelligence than most people give them credit for, and how many of them attend church when the occasion offers? Not many. Why? Because Christianity is preached and not practised. So far the Labour party, who want to nationalise the tobacco industry, make no effort to nationalise and control the drink octopus, the greatest evil and curse that the working man has to contend against. The clergy are very quiet on this matter, too; they are satisfied to have an occasional limb lopped off this evil trunk. I repeat these restrictive measures only tend to make men cunning and law breakers.

There is room for a new political party to appear upon the horizon that would scotch every ism that exists to-day, bringing along a system of social legislation to procure greater comfort and happiness for the toiling masses, and educated up to the principles that every man must work either with his hands or brains in the individual interest of himself, and collective interests of the community, and let every man's ambition be to climb to the highest rung of the ladder by his own individual efforts without injuring his fellow man.

Christianity, to find its level as its great master and founder has defined for it in His teachings and example, would then sail in harmony over the buoyant waters of Christian love and charity, now disrupted by the breakers of sectarianism. Let the heads of the churches pause and think before it is too late. The battle of the future, if things do not alter, will not be for the supremacy, political or otherwise, of the Protestant or Catholic religions, but free thought and infidelity versus Christianity, if I can read the writing on the wall.

I am, etc.,
ANCAS M'DONALD.

Wellington, Dec. 25.

ACCESS TO PLAYGROUNDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With your permission, I beg to suggest to those in sympathy with the children of the working man that it would be a fitting New Year's gift to them to allow them to have free access at all times to the playgrounds of our Public schools. I am sure this would be to their benefit, and add to the comfort of their parents. This would take them off the streets, where they learn what is not for their good. It would remove what at present is a problem that the police appear unable to remedy, as these children are very young, and do not commit any great offence. But they are a source of great annoyance. I am sure this would be a great boon to hundreds of families. It is quite natural these youngsters should want to give vent to their feelings, and they are all the better for it, physically and mentally. At present hundreds of children have only the street to play in, as a great number of the people live two families in one house. This concession has been granted in England for some time, and is much appreciated by all concerned, especially the children, as they are filled with every convenience for fun. Some may say, "Oh, they can go into the parks." Now most of these children are too young to go far away from home. This would be a great relief to many a hard-worked mother to know that the children could always be found at bedtime in the school playground, safe from the traffic on the streets.

I am, etc.,
HANS.

LITTLE BABY'S AWFUL ECZEMA.

CURED BY CUTICURA.

"I can truthfully say that just two cakes of Cuticura Soap and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent surprised me, as the skin was peeling off my baby's hands and face, and he was suffering awful. When the eczema first appeared he was very healthy, but when he was covered with it he lost flesh rapidly. But as soon as I commenced to use the Cuticura Remedies he started to mend. I kept on using the Cuticura Soap, as I think it is an indispensable article around the house. As my baby weighs thirty-seven pounds, and is only seventeen months old, you can imagine the torture he endured. My neighbours can vouch for this statement as being correct.—Mrs. Alex. Weeks, Jr., 208 North Walter-street, Newburgh, N.Y., Sept. 7, 1906."

The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation.

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"Sydney Mail" Annual.—A sheet of 16 Postcards, illustrating Australian country life. A portion of the address side of these cards is set aside for messages, and the cards are transmissible at usual postal rates. Postage within the Commonwealth and New Zealand, 1d; abroad, 4½d.—Advt.

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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts; Horses and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

SUPERIOR ENGLISH DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Mare, 6 years, by Monarch, can trot a mile under 3 minutes, quiet and reliable in harness, any trial; English Dogcart (built by Lucas, of London), in perfect order, and Set of Silver-mounted Harness. For Positive Sale.

HIGH-CLASS RUBBER-TYRED SULKY LOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Pony Gelding, 13 hands, very fast trotter, any trial; very superior Rubber-tyred Bentshaft Sulky and Harness; also, Hobbles, Bloomers, and Trotting Boots.

LANDAULETTE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., A neat Landaulette, in good order.

TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS.

6 HIGH-CLASS HORSES FROM COOLANGATTA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Alec Hay, Coolangatta, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m., Pair of High-class Bay Carriage Geldings, 16.2, well matched and thoroughly reliable in single and double harness, and used to the city; Black Gelding, 15.2, an ideal sulky or buggy horse; ORLANDO, Grey Gelding, 16.1, a splendid stock horse, and took a prize as hack up to 14 stone; also 2 Chestnut Geldings, 15.2 and 16 hands, both broken to saddle.

CHAMPION HACK, FROM NORTH COAST.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. M. D. Spring, of Lismore, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m., COLLEEN, Bay Mare, 5 years, 15.2, by Sirius from Miss Mack. Extended pedigree at sale. Very handsome, up to weight, winner of several blue and red ribbons for 11st and lady's hackney, never raced, but proved very fast, and is a perfect fencer.

S. AND H. HORSES, BY TUXEDO.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Dr. Blaxland to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Dark-brown Gelding, 14.3, by Tuxedo, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, and subject to any fair trial.

UPSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Coulter to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, 16 hands, stanch and reliable in harness, suit a cab or tradesman's cart.

TO SPORTING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock, The well-known Trotters YELLOW JACK, bay gelding, BOORI, black gelding, and EPPING BELL, chestnut pony mare, all thoroughly broken to saddle and harness; also ELM, chestnut mare, 15 hands, Kens. cert., by Farewell, from Essie. Full pedigrees and performances at sale.

RELIABLE SADDLE AND HARNESS PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Murphy to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Taffy Pony, 13 hands, 4 years, thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness, good mover.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:— 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc. 1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, etc.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, Quay-street, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock sharp, Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal; Butter, Bacon, Eggs, Lard, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds; 4 tons Pure Extracted Honey.

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 and 2.30. HOUSE FURNISHINGS AND EFFECTS. H.B. Chairs, Aust. Chairs, Rattan Chairs, Child's Chair, Stair and other sec.-hand Carpets, 20 Rooms Lino, Hearthrugs, Bamboo and Walnut Overmantels. Very fine UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO (Walnut case). Walnut and Std. Wal. Sideboards, Mirrors, Vases, Table Linen, Lace Curtains, Ornaments. 50 Pictures, Crockery, Glassware, Tea Sets, Coal Scuttles, splendid Gramophone and Records. Din. Table, A.C. 7-pce. Din. Suite, Genoa Velvet Drawroom Suite. Hall Stands, Table Covers, Bedroom Suites, Toilets, Wardrobes, Comb. Chests, Ware, Bedsteads and Bedding. Kitchen Utensils, Kit. Tables, Chairs, Safes, Dressers, Large Dripstone Filter and Stand, Mangle, Incubator. SINGER DROPHEAD 7-DRAWER SEWING MACHINE, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, will sell on various accounts as above.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

TO PRIVATE BUYERS AND OTHERS.

H. OXENHAM has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at his Rooms, 245 and 247 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12 NOON, 1 GILBURT 6-h.p. MOTOR CAR, complete. (Special attention is drawn to this Important Sale). 1 ¾ BILLIARD TABLE, with all Accessories. 1 CONCERT GRAND PIANO, by PLEYEL. Large Quantity HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

H. OXENHAM, Auctioneer and Valuator, 245 and 247 Pitt-street. Tel., 929.

LAST SALE OF THE YEAR. THIS FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 28th, at 11, and continuing all day. AT THE HAYMARKET AUCTION ROOMS, HORDERN'S BUILDINGS, 772 GEORGE-STREET. SPLENDID LOT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, almost new. DRAWING, DINING, HALL, BREAKFAST, DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS. KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS. 2 Fine PIANOFORTES, The Mignon and well-known Aucher Frere. 3 Tap. and Plush Draw. Suites, 7 pcs. in each, eq. new. Walnut O'mantels, Bamboo Cabinets, Cedar Hallstands, Costly Ornaments, China, Glass, Crockery, Cutlery, etc. 9-pc. Leather Dining Suite, 3 to 6 feet Sideboards in Solid Walnut and Std. Walnut. L. Couches, Austrian D. Chairs, Floorcloths, Carpets, Cedar Bookcases. 2 Exten. D. Tables, on heavy pillars, 8 x 4, 6 x 3.6. Tapestry Table Cloths, Lace Curtains, Blankets, B'ners. Double Brass-mtd. Parisian Bedsteads, with good Wires and Bedding. Single and ¾ Bedsteads complete, brass railed Cot complete, first-class Basket Go-cart. Singer lat. impr. 7-dr. S. Machine, all parts, Beale Machine. 3 large Ice Chests, Freezers, Pine Top Table, Dressers, Gas Stoves, Eureka, 41D, Pram. with hood. Office Table, 2 Drs., Alliance F'prf. Safe, 15 x 23 inside. Double and Single Bedroom Suites, Combinations Toilet Pairs, Toilet Ware. Pine Toilets, Pr. Walnut Toilets, Marble and other Clks.

IMPERATIVE UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE, TO-MORROW (Sat.) MORNING, at 10.30, at 61 FITZROY-ST, SURRY HILLS, Stock Confectionery and Small Goods, Biscuits, Beef, Cordials, Cakes, Mirrors, Counters, Lolly Jars, Glass Cake Stands, Outside Lamp, Linoleums, Household Furniture and Appts., 4 rooms and kitchen. Terms prompt cash every lot. MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON have instructions from J. O'FARRELL to sell out, and request early attendance. Auctioneers' Tel., 200 Burwood.

TO PIANO DEALERS, THE TRADE, AND OTHERS. HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., on the premises, 110 WALKER-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, Pianos, Organs, Household Furniture, etc. WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30. MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, 2 Large Hairdressers' Mirrors, Barbers' Chairs, Clocks, Linoleum, Bedsteads, Bedding, 500 Lots New and Second-hand Clothing, Bed Linen, Blankets, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30, Quantity of Iron, Wire Netting, Doors, all sizes, Timber, Coops, etc. At 3 o'clock, choice lot Poultry. No Reserve. WM. MITCHELL and SON, Railway Sale Yards, Burwood.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and Residents of the surrounding districts of DULWICH HILL, PETERSHAM, MARRICKVILLE, SUMMER HILL. MONSTER AUCTION SALE. TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, on the site, WINDSOR-ROAD, PETERSHAM (take tram to the Dulwich Hill terminus, about 4 min. walk). DEMOLITION of those Modern Factory Premises, known as GOODEARL'S TARPAULIN and TENT FACTORY, and comprise— 5000 Machine Bricks of finest quality. 600 Sheets Galv. Iron, 6 to 10 feet, A1 lot. 4000ft Tallow Wood Flooring, T. and Grooved. 6000ft Oregon, 9 x 3, 6 x 3, 5 x 2½, 4 x 2, lengths 20ft. 1500ft 3 x 1 Oregon Battens. 3000ft 9 x 3, 6 x 3, H. Wood Joists, 16ft length. 1000ft Lining and Partition Boards. 14 Modern Box-frames and Sashes, Panel Doors, Ledge. 6 x 6 Storey Posts, 5 x 5 Ditto, large quantity Water and Gas Piping, and hosts of Sundries, etc.

A. BARNETT has received instructions to sell as above TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30. WITHOUT RESERVE.

EPPING Races This Day.—Spec. and ord. trams, via George-st, at frequent intervals from 1 o'c. p.m.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON ACCOUNT AND BY ORDER OF VARIOUS VENDORS. TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR. UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at THE AUCTION ROOMS AND GALLERIES of JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET, AN EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, including TWO WALNUT SIDEBOARDS, highly constructed, and fitted with every convenience. Sizes, 5ft 6in and 5ft. Also, TWO FOUR-FEET SIDEBOARDS, THREE TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, Walnut and Oak, extending 8 feet. OAK DINING-ROOM SUITE. LUXURIOUS CHESTERFIELD LOUNGE, upholstered in Pantasote. CRIMSON TAPESTRY LOUNGE and TWO CHAIRS. TWO CEDAR BOOKCASES. WALNUT WRITING DESK, with FALL FRONT. TEN VOLUMES ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, being the remaining 10 volumes to complete The Times Ninth Edition, with Bookstand. DRAWING-ROOM OCCASIONAL CHAIRS and Settee, in Walnut Frames. Easy Divan Chairs, Attractive Grass Chairs, Chippendale Palm Stands, Choice Ornaments, Valuable Pictures, etc, etc. VALUABLE BELLING PIANOFORTE, WALNUT UPRIGHT MODEL, in PERFECT ORDER, supplied by Messrs. W. H. Paling and Co. within the last six months. Also, WALNUT GRAND, by CRAMER. UPRIGHT GRAND, by JULIUS FEURICH. UPRIGHT GRAND, by CHAPPELL. COTTAGE GRAND, by AUCHER BROS. WALNUT BEETHOVEN ORGAN, powerful tone, 22 stops. ALEXANDRE HARMONIUM, 6 stops. DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, with Bedding complete. SEVERAL BEDROOM SUITES, in Beech, Polished Pine, Morris Green, and Stained Walnut Wood. And GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART and FURNITURE AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 sharp. IMPORTANT SALE OF SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS. REALLY EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS. Superb Upright Pianoforte Mignon, in handsome walnut case, perfect tone and condition. Valuable Axminster and Tapestry Carpets. Costly Curtains, Linoleums, Valuable Violin. Ice Chest, Good Singer Machine, Mangle. Ransome Mower, Gas Stove, Barrow, Tools. Splendid lot of valuable Poultry.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION WITHOUT RESERVE. By order of the Mortgagees, AT BARODA, LORNE-STREET, SUMMER HILL, between Morris and Nowranie streets, near station. An Opportunity that should be availed of by Trade and Private Buyers to fullest possible extent. THE DRAWING ROOM appointments are very handsome, modern, and well kept. Rich Genoa Velvet Suite, Royal Axminster Carpet 17 x 12, bordered, Solid Walnut 5ft Cabinet, Delightful Decorative Lines, Chippendale Overmantel in best Walnut, Edison Phonograph and lot Records, Excellent Violin for beginners, Valuable English Concertina, 48 keys, Wall Etageres and Mirrors, Pictures, etc. THE DINING ROOM FURNISHINGS should commend it to Gentry Furnishing. Handsome 5ft Sideboard, Pretty Buffet Sideboard, Ext. Table, Valuable Saddle Bag Suite, Best Aus. Chairs, Splendid Timepiece, Table Appointments in variety and excellent order, Sup. Cedar Bookcase, Mahogany Overmantel, Singer Machine, Typewriter. THE FOUR BEDROOMS are excellently appointed. Four Best Brass-mounted Bedsteads—single, 3-quarter, and double, with finest wires and bedding. Lovely Cheval Rosewood S. Suite, and other splendid lots, Wardrobes, Comb. Chests Drawers, Washstands and Services, Valuable Carpet Squares, Pine Linen and Hanging Presses, Kitchen Dresser, with glass doors, superior Gas Stove, Tables, Utensils, Mower, with box, Wheelbarrow, Grand lot of Poultry, and everything.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, AUCTIONEERS and AGENTS, will sell, and request early attendance of Trade and Private Buyers.

Cash Deposits will be required from buyers not known to the Auctioneers.

DELIVERY SAME DAY BEFORE 5 O'CLOCK.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 28th, at 3 p.m. At Market-street, near Castlereagh-street. UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. OFFICE FURNITURE, including WALNUT ROLL-TOP OFFICE TABLE, WALNUT LETTER-FILING CABINET; F.P. SAFE, by T. Perry and Co.; Office Desks, Copying Press. SHOP FITTINGS, COUNTER. TWO PLATEGLASS MIRRORS, Etc. LARGE GLASS CASE.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS AFTERNOON. *** Premises must be vacated on Saturday.

TO DRAPERY, CLOTHING, MILLINERY, FANCY, and TOY TRADES, DEALERS, etc. On the Premises, 98 GEORGE-STREET WEST, close to St. Benedict's. THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 SHARP. Stock of General Drapery, Millinery, etc, in Laces of all descriptions, Kid and Silk Gloves, Hdkchfs., Flowers, Feathers, Trimd. and Untrimd. Millinery, Haberdashery, Corsets. Also, Caps, Cretonnes, Boys' Norfolks, K.B. Crash and Conway Summer Suits, Trimmings, etc, etc. Also, National Cash Register (in perfect order), Yost Typewriter (almost new), Shelving, Floorcloth, Counters, etc.

M. GOULSTON AND COMPANY.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK. HENRY LEVY will sell by Auction, at 351 Cleveland-street, Clothing, Boots, Crockery, Furniture, and Sundries. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, CLIFTON GARDENS ESTATE, TAYLOR BAY, close to new Steam Ferry. The Residue of this beautifully situated Property, IN ONE LOT, consisting of the following:— ALL SECTION 6, except allotments 11 and 12. ALL SECTION 5. ALL SECTION 4, except allotments 1, 2, 13 to 16. ALL SECTION 3, except allotments 11 to 15. ALL SECTION 2, except allotments 7 to 12. ALL SECTION 1, except allotment 19. The Portions facing Taylor's Bay are subject to the Reservation along the Waters thereof. Lithograph on View at the Rooms. Torrens Title. Particulars from Messrs. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Solicitors, Martin-place. By order of the Mortgagee. The area may be about 38 acres, and is now in close touch with the city by means of the New Ferry. AUCTION SALE, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Sydney, December 27, 1906. M. CHRISTIANSEN v MILLEDT, M. E.

ON TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1907, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction, at the Sale Room, Supreme Court, Sydney, All the right, title, and interest of MARY EDITH MILLEDT, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 1 rood and 16 perches, situate at Macquarie Fields, parish Minto, and county of Cumberland, being Lot 6 of Section 26 on Deposited Plan 1391, and the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title, dated the 31st August, 1905, Reg. Vol. 1631, Folio 108. TERMS CASH. C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff. ATKINSON and WARREN, Attorneys acting for Plaintiff, Sydney.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, 27th December, 1906.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL SHIP SOBRAON. INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, PARRAMATTA.

HALF-YEARLY VISITING DAY, THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1907.

Parents and Relatives are notified that Orders to visit the above Institutions will be issued at the Department of Public Instruction, Bridge-street, on SATURDAY, 29th December, and WEDNESDAY, 2nd January, 1907.

Steamers will ply to and from the Sobraon, starting from the foot of Erskine-street, at 12.45, 1.45, and 2.45 p.m. Return Fare, 6d; Children, Half-price.

P. BOARD, Under-Secretary. (Sa-109)

EPPING RACES THIS DAY.—Final Pony and Galloway Meeting at this Popular Course.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH JANE BUCHANAN, late of Marrickville, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the first Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the seventh day of February, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executors. Dated this 27th day of December, 1906. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ROBBERDS and ENGLAND, Proctors, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPH BEAN, late of Gunning, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the first Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the sixth day of February, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said JOSEPH COLLETT and CHARLES HENRY FREDERICK GROVENOR. Dated this twenty-seventh day of December, in the year 1906. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ATKINSON and WARREN, Proctors for Executors, 19 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MINNIE EDMONDS, late of Saumarez, near Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES EDMONDS, of Saumarez aforesaid, the lawful husband of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of Messrs. SLY and RUSSELL, Solicitors, 369 George-street, Sydney, the Agents of the undersigned. Notice is also hereby given that application will be made to dispense with the Administration bond in the above Estate. Creditors are requested to send in their claims to the said JAMES EDMONDS, within the said fourteen days. ALBERT WHITBY SIMPSON, Proctor for the Administrator, Armidale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN GILDING, late of Granville, in the State of New South Wales, Railway Employee, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANE GILDING, the sole Executrix in the said Will named. All creditors and other persons having any claims against the said Estate are requested to send in particulars of same within the said period of fourteen days to the undersigned, at whose address all notices may be served. D. O'CARROLL, Proctor for the Executrix, Temple-court, King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES HENRY CAMERON, late of Callan Park, formerly of 57 Ross-street, Forest Lodge, in the State of New South Wales, Tram Driver, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HARRIET CAMERON, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. HARRIET CAMERON, 57 Kellick-street, Waterloo.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

WARDEN, Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-street, next to G.P.O. HOTELS FOR SALE, in the City, Suburbs, and Country. Also, BUSINESSES of all descriptions. Established 1886.

JOSEPH and CO., Business Agents, est. 1866. Largest register Businesses, Boarding-houses. 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, water frontage, 14 rooms, tennis court, 3 acres land, rent 40s, handsomely furnished, large supply plate, linen, very clean, 12 permanent boarders, £375. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Darlinghurst, 10 rooms, rent 25s, nicely furnished, piano, alw. full, £75. Joseph.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, with Run, takings £30 weekly, trial, rent 16s, shop, 5 rooms, horse, cart, harness, fixtures, ice-chest, stock, etc, must sell, no reasonable offer refused. JOSEPH, 106 King-street.

GROCERY, takings £30 weekly, rent 15s, nice residence, stock and plant about £130. Joseph, Co.

HAM, Beef, Smallgoods, Oxford-st, genuine trade, must sell at once, £40. Joseph and Co.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street. HOTEL, Tooth's, 10 years, draws 5-36 wk., £250. HOTEL, suburban station, rent 50s, takings £30, £280. HOTEL, Glebe, free, rent 40s, 4-36 week, £350. HOTEL, George-street, rent £5, taking £70 wk., £650. HOTEL, 20 miles out, free, taking £25, rent £2, £225. HOTEL, city, rent £3, no taxes, taking £30 wk., £220. HOTEL, N'town, corner, 10 yrs., taking £35 wk., £300. HOTEL, Paddington, corner, wants working up, £100. HOTEL, Woollahra, £80, £120; Wm.-st, £150. Joseph.

HOTEL, George-st, Circular Quay, Tooth's beer, 7.54, £400 cash. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL, suit lady, nice corner, Oxford-st, free, cash £250. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL, seaside resort, freehold, £6000; leasehold, £1500; free house, any terms. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

HOTEL, close to Cleveland-st, Tooth's, rent £3 10s, £60 wkly., £350. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

COUNTRY HOTEL, Narrabri, leasehold £250, freehold, etc., £850. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

SOUND BUSINESSES. TAILORING and MERCERY, est. 21 yrs., turnover £4500 p.a., ret., stk. ab. £1500, at 17s 6d in £. MANUFACTURING, no practical knowledge necessary, profits £2000 per annum net. Price, £6000. CLOTHING FACTORY, over 200 hands, turnover £30,000 yearly; auditors' reports, etc. Pr., £6000. WAREHOUSE, WHOLESALE.—This business has been established over 20 years. Proprietors have retired; £500 year salary is drawn by the manager, and the net profits are £2500 p.a. Proper balance-sheets and books open to inspection. IVAN HENRY, Business Broker, 134 Pitt-street.

RYAN, 8 Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-street, opposite G.P.O., Sydney. Telephone, 3036. Hotel, magnificent sub. stand, pays £200 mth., £800. Hotel, heavy drinking locality, 4 x 36's, 7 y. l., £150. Hotel, Illawarra sub., draws 6 x 36's, t. £45 w., £530. Hotel, Circular Q., suit seafaring man, b. £30, £200. Hotel, 50 miles out, takings £45 wkly., can arr., £250. Hotel, Western mining twn., tak. £70, 6d dks., £700.

STEAM LAUNDRY.—NORRISS, 556 George-street. Price £750, clears £10, £15 week; many years same hands, ev. inquiry courted, good lease, low rent. Cash buyers only need apply.

HAIRDRESSING and TOB.—NORRISS, 556 George-street. Price £600, clears £8 wk., best city stand, lovely saloon and shop, ev. inquiry, and trial if nec.

F. FOOD AND ICE AGENCY.—NORRISS, 556 George-street. Price £500, clears £7 wk., splen. bus., same hands 14 yrs., 300 regular customers.

BOOT BUSINESS.—NORRISS, 556 George-street. Price £700, clears £7 wk., fine stock, main street, 8 yrs. same hands, can. recom. as thor. sound. A. NORRISS, 556 GEORGE-ST (opp. Cathedral).

REFRESHMENTS, Pastry, and Confectionery, in railway suburb, handsomely fitted up, doing sound and thriving business, fine modern residence, 6 rooms, £75, very cheap. Massie, Waddell, 180 Castlereagh-st.

MANUFACTURING Business, clears £500 a year, at value stock, £800. Massie, 180 Castlereagh-st.

BAKERY and Smallgoods, good plant, takings £30 weekly, £125. Bargain. 180 Castlereagh-st.

PRODUCE, Wood, and Coal, old estab., takings £100 month, gd. plant, £150. 180 Castlereagh-st.

PLUMBER, Tinsmith, Gal. I., and Acetylene Gas Works, thriving mining towns, Bulli-Woonona, thoroughly equipped plant, no opposition, turnover £1200 per a., rent 8s per w., option purchase, £310. H. F. COTTERELL, Agent, Bulli.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY IN THE COUNTRY. BUTTER FACTORY and GENERAL STORE, showing good profits, price £525. Full particulars, O. KEMPTHORNE, 558 George-street, opposite Town Hall.

HIGH-CLASS CONFECTIONERY and TEA ROOMS, flourishing suburb, close to Public school, beautifully fitted up with mirrors, showcases, etc., rent 20s per week. Suitable opportunity for two ladies. No agents. 75 New Canterbury-road, Petersham.

TEN POUNDS will Buy a genuine BUSINESS, good living, est. 9 years, Fruit, Conf., Drinks, worth £20, must be sold, owner leaving Australia for good. H. S., 123 Harris-street, Pyrmont.

MIXED Business, Grocery, Confec., Haberdashery, 4 rooms, profit on milk pays rent, selling through genuine reasons, good clean stock, full value, £35. No agents. Apply 387 Crown-st, tram terminus.

NEWS Agency, blocked, splendid district, 5000 papers, good shop trade, up-to-date circulating library, present hands 9 years, good dwelling, low rent. No agents. Block, George-street West Post-office.

CONFECTIONERY and Pastry and Ice Cream Trade, good reasons for selling, good opening for restaurant. Price, £50. 466 Parramatta-road, Petersham.

TOBACCONIST and Hairdressing.—Advertiser would sell good going BUSINESS, with 2 Amer. chairs, near city, mod. rent, dwelling, at great sacrifice if sold at once. Principals only. North Coast, Herald.

RESIDENTIAL CHAMS., 16 rms., shop, combined, rent 35s, splend. stand. Melrose, 17 Jamieson-st.

RESIDENTIAL CHAMS., city, first-class, 17 rooms, full, £200. Melrose, 17 Jamieson-st.

A GENUINE Confec., Pastry, Refresh., tkgs. £12 to £15 wkly., prof. £3 10s, £70. Box 1681, G.P.O.

LARGE Newsagency and Stat. Bus. for private Sale, about £750 cap. req. Andy, Herald.

BUSY BEE BIZ AGENCY, 31 Rowe-st, city, side of Australia Hotel.—Mixed Biz., £30, must sell.

SUPERIOR BOARDING-HOUSE, N. Sydney, 9 permanent boarders, well furnished. Harrison, 35 C'gh-st.

MUST sacrifice Splendid Business, £35, bargain, if sold to-day. 70 Oxford-st, Paddington.

MIXED BUS., good living, fine stand, owner has other interests. Seller, P.O., Waverley.

IF you want to Buy a Genuine Business of any kind consult SPAIN and CO. (who make a speciality of the business branch), House, Land, and Business Agents, 41 Castlereagh-street, for bargains, and satisf.

GROCERY and Mixed, fine corner, Shop and Dwell., leav. State, val. ab. £70. Carlyle, P.O., Geo.-st W.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Lodging-house, 12 rooms, nicely furnished, £45, half cash.

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, centre city, 16 rooms, rent 50s, present hands 7 years, 12 permanent boarders, furniture, all in good order, £300. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 9 rooms, nicely furnished, 8 constant boarders, £80. Needham and Co.

DAIRY, good suburb, 5 rooms, large paddock, 80 quarts, 12 cows, horse, cart, £160. Needham.

GROCERY and General, shop, 5 rooms, rent 10s, trade £9 weekly, stock, fittings, £45. Needham and Co.

NEWS AGENCY and STATIONERY, fine suburb, shop, 5 rooms, stable, 2500 papers weekly, shop trade £8 weekly, stock, etc, £250. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Shop, 6 rms., trade £15, fittings, stock, £60, part cash.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, Sum. Dks., Milk, Ice Cream, sell to-day £20, or offer. 99 Glebe-rd.

FOR Sale, Western suburb, Dairy, splendid business. No agents. Particulars S. J., Ashfield P.O.

MIXED Business, Greengro., Conf., Soft Drinks, Ref. Rms., Regent-st, Kogarah, opp. P.S. No agents.

FRUIT and Mixed, same hands seven years, good stand, low r., stblg. Cooper and Raglan sts, W'loo.

FOR SALE, Fruit and Greengrocery Run, with horse and van. Apply 186 Regent-st, Redfern.

CONFECTIONERY, 2 freezers, marble tables, fittings, gd. stand, cheap, G. L., P.O., South Leichhardt.

COUNTRY Hotel, gd. lse., low rent, trade £30 week, £250. A. H. Ferris, Parramatta.

FOR SALE, Mixed Business, Haberdashery, Confectionery, Dressmkg. 45 Henderson-rd, Alexandria.

WANTED, well-fitted BEEF and HAM BUSINESS, must show good weekly returns, stand full investigation. Full particulars, no agents, Business, Herald.

RESIDENTIAL CHAMBERS wanted, city, up to £150 cash. Brisbane, Herald Office.

WANTED to Buy, GENERAL STORE, in suburbs; no agents. Milton, Glebe P.O.

WANTED, first-class Hotel, city or subs., cash £700, principals only. Investigation, P.O., Padd'ton.

WANTED to Buy, Hotel, about £300, city or suburban, no agents. Particulars, M. P., Redfern P.O.

WANTED, Mixed BUSINESS, about £10, no agents. A. B., George-st West Post-office.

TENDERS.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality GOODS at lowest cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 326-328 George-street.

BRICKS for SALE, cheap and good, Standsure Brickworks, Sydenham-rd, Marrickville.

ESTABLISHED 60 Years.—Builders' and General Ironmongery, cheapest pcs. Macintosh, 307 Pitt-st.

FULL-SIZE all Spotted Bricks (15,000) for Sale, 12s per 1000, must be sold to-day. 173 Geo.-st N.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, and IN THE MATTER OF SCOTT, SIBBALD, and COMPANY PROPRIETARY, Limited. (No. 2274, of 1906.)

TENDERERS are hereby notified that Tenders for the Purchase of the Assets in the above Company CLOSE at 12 noon TO-DAY. WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Official Liquidator. 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney. Dec 28, 1906.

SANDSTOCK BRICKS (5000) for Sale, to-day, 6s per 1000. 175 George-st, North, opp. fire station.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, at SUMMER HILL. Contractors desiring of tendering please forward names to NIXON and ADAM, Architects, 163 Pitt-street.

TENDERS are invited for Erection of W.C.s, and Drainage Work at school-church, Barry-street, Neutral Bay. Apply J. NANGLE, F.I.A., 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES BRICK CO., LTD., Huntley-street, Alexandria. (Telephone, 412 Newtown.) Manufacturers of every description of Bricks.

TENDERS wanted, Stone Foundations, at Summer Hill. D. T. Brown, Buckland-st, Alexandria.

TENDERS for Painting 4 new Cottages. Apply on job, Hutchinson-st, St. Peters. F. J. Croker.

TENDERS wanted for Pockpointing 3 Shops. Willoughby-rd, nr. French's-rd, Willoughby.

TENDERS invited for the Supply of Sand. Apply 25 Burton-st, Darlinghurst.

TENDERS invited for the Supply of Lime. Apply 25 Burton-st, Darlinghurst.

TENDERS invited for the Supply of Cement. Apply 25 Burton-st, Darlinghurst.

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FINANCES OF IRRIGATION.

Seeing that this State proposes to embark on a somewhat extensive irrigation scheme the net results of the Renmark irrigation settlement in South Australia are worthy of consideration. The Commissioner for Public Works of the southern State reports that "the settlement is in a fa prosperous condition, and the prospects the fruit crop for the 1906-7 season are excellent. The area now under intense cultivation by irrigation at this settlement has increased to about 4000 acres. In the newly planted blocks preference has been given to sultanas, currants, and pears. It is found during the last few seasons that the least profitable crops are apricots and lemons. The value of last season's fruit and general produce crop is estimated at £44,000, being an average gross return of £11 per acre on the 4000 acres under cultivation. This is certainly very satisfactory. The season's produce of dried and preserved fruit was approximately:—Raisins, 320 tons; sultanas, 220 tons; apricots, 150 tons; currants, 60 tons; peaches, 80 tons; pears, 10 tons; sundry other fruits, 10 tons; citrus fruits, 3000 cases. The fodder crop of hay and lucerne totalled about 1000 tons. The new pumping engines and other improvements provided with the loan money advanced by the Government are very satisfactory and economical, a considerable saving being effected in supplying the irrigation water, the cost of which last year, including all expenses of management, was 17s 6d per acre for five thorough waterings."

DISCARDING TONTINE POLICIES.

On and after January 1 tontine policies are prohibited by the laws of the State of New York. This means that those companies which introduced and made much capital out of this form of insurance will have to desist from accepting further business of this character. The question naturally arises, will other companies which allowed themselves in face of competition to accept such risks continue to do so? The nature of the tontine bonus system is well known. It is a plan under which bonuses are given only to those policy-holders who survive the selected tontine period, which is usually ten, fifteen, or twenty years. Those who die during the tontine term receive more than the face value of the policies, although they have paid extra premiums for the right to participate in profits. In order to meet the competition of the American life offices, a number of other companies adopted this tontine system in some cases to disguise the poverty of their bonus results. In our judgment there is nothing more opposed to the principles of life assurance than the tontine bonus system, and the evils which result from it are very great. In the first place, it should be remembered that the portion of the premium which would pay for the face value of the policy at non-participating rates and the extra premium which is paid for the right to participate in tontine bonuses are invested on diametrically opposite principles. The former is insurance and the latter is gambling. The extra premium which the man pays is simply and purely a bet that he will live to the end of the tontine term. A second point against these policies is that since the bonuses are deferred for twenty years there is very little chance of judging the prosperity of the company. The survivors who reach the end of the period have to take what bonus is assigned to them, and when it falls short of the estimate—as it generally does—the policy-holders have no remedy.

EFFECT OF THE CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Peel River Land and Mineral Company was held at Winchester House, London, on November 16. Mr. O. Parker, who presided, said that on the last day of the year 1904 the New South Wales Legislature passed the Act for closer land settlement, and following upon that there was a desire expressed by the Government of the State to acquire the whole of the property of the company. The directors did not at that time desire to enter into such a transaction, and they were not anxious to sell in regard to the acreage offered for sale in January, 1906, in order to avoid compulsory action on the part of the Government, to offer 20,000 acres, which they did, with the result that the average price received was £2 5s 6d per acre. He moved a resolution empowering the directors to sell the whole, or such part, if any, as they might think fit, of the company's estates in Australia to the Government of New South Wales, on such terms and in such manner (whether by private treaty or under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, or otherwise) as in their discretion they might think most conducive to the interests of the company. This motion, after some discussion, was agreed to.

AUSTRALIAN CHILLING AND FREEZING COMPANY.

Sir E. Montague Nelson, in presiding at the annual general meeting of the above company, held in London on November 13, said that the directors still hoped for better times. The profit and loss account, after providing for colonial and London expenses, showed a profit on the year's working of £802, which had to be deducted from the debit balance brought forward of £11,740, leaving a balance of £10,937. Freezing operations at the works recommenced in August last, but ceased at the end of February, when the supplies of suitable stock were exhausted. In conclusion, he remarked that they had been rather an extraordinary rise in meat both in New Zealand and Australia during the last few weeks, but that could only be considered temporary. The report was adopted.

THE REACTION IN SILVER.

Silver is scarcely so firm as it was. The latest price cabled from London is 23 5-16d per ounce standard. This compares with the average prices of recent years as follows:—

Year.	Average. Per Oz.	Year.	Average. Per Oz.
	d.		d.
1893	29	1900	27 5-16
1894	28 15-16	1901	27 5-16
1895	29	1902	24 1-16
1896	29 3-16	1903	23
1897	27 9-16	1904	23 7-16
1898	26 15-16	1905	27 13-16
1899	27 7-16	1906	25 5-16

Various factors have contributed to the advance in prices since the beginning of May, but the dominating one has been the large requirements on Indian account. India's consumption of silver during the current year has been exceptionally large, being up to the present time nearly double that of the whole of last year and two and a-half times as much as the corresponding period, but last year's exports were considerably below the previous year's, so that in taking the past five years, a better comparison of the increase is possible, the totals being as under:—

1901	£7,000,410
1902	6,267,440
1903	7,452,350
1904	6,806,458
1905	7,752,961

For the present year to mail date the total exports to India amounted to £13,940,296, which compares with £5,534,721 for the corresponding period of last year. Allowing for the increase in value, it will be seen that the increase in quantity is very large. The other factors that have contributed to the later advance have been large purchases on United States Government account, which have checked shipments to this market, the requirements of the Mexican Government and considerable purchases on French account. Some of these factors are at the present time quiescent, but the dominant one, in conjunction with speculative purchases, has now carried the price to over 32d per ounce.

THE FUTURE OF SILVER.

The slight reaction in the silver market naturally suggests the possibility of a still further decline. Those interested in silver shares are certainly watching the position very closely. The all-important question of supplies has to be taken into consideration, for any very large increase in the output of the white metal would certainly check the upward movement, if it did not bring about a fall. But on this point there is little cause for uneasiness. The mines that were abandoned years ago, because it would not pay to work them at the price to which silver had fallen, are for the most part so waterlogged that it would never pay to attempt to reopen them, while the opening up of new properties, however rich, is a process of time, the outputs from which would have no effect on the market in however large quantities for a long time to come. Moreover, it has to be borne in mind that in nearly every case silver is only the by-product of these mines, and, except in Nevada, Montana, and Mexico, there are few mines that are worked for their silver. Therefore, assuming that there is little danger to silver from a largely increased output being suddenly put on the market, the consideration of the question whether the rise will continue or will be maintained depends upon the future requirements of the Indian Government and the bazaars. On the first point the outlook continues promising, but less decisive than it did six months ago. Then experts were able to take a view months ahead and predict the rise that has taken place; but at the present time the position has become obscured, and may continue no more or less for a little while longer, though indications still point to the Government demand continuing on a sufficient scale to fully maintain prices at present level, while the bazaars are likely to continue to be active dealers for some time. Considered, therefore, from every point of view, the outlook for silver continues to be a very favourable one, for while some of the recent operating influences referred to are, as we have stated, for the moment quiescent, they will probably be active factors again before long, and with India continuing to absorb the white metal even on a less extensive scale than she has done in recent months, there is not much danger of a serious relapse in prices, though there will be continuous fluctuations in a market that frequently temporarily numbers more sellers than buyers.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have totalled £14,900,000, an increase of £5,500,000 compared with last year's aggregate.

COMMERCIAL.

Outside the wheat market little activity was apparent in wholesale and distributing circles yesterday. But although the trade passing was very limited the employees of many firms were kept fully occupied in other important directions—preparing for stock-taking and balancing the year's accounts. The new season's wheat is commencing to arrive in large quantities—there were 200 trucks at Darling Island yesterday—and farmers, according to country advices, are now evincing a better disposition to accept current quotations. Prices for fencing wires were cabled as having advanced again in Hamburg, but local rates were unchanged. The market for cornsacks further weakened, owing to the continued absence of country demand and the arrival of heavy supplies. Woolpacks were a shade firmer.

QUEENSLAND AS A CUSTOMER.

The northern State has purchased largely from New South Wales this year in the shape of breadstuffs. It was estimated that Queensland would require to import fully two million bushels wheat and flour, owing to her last crop being only 1,137,300 bushels, against 2,149,700 bushels in 1904-5. According to figures supplied by the Customs, Queensland imported from December 1, 1905, to November 30 last the equivalent of 1,859,543 bushels, so that the estimate was not far out. New South Wales contributed nearly 80 per cent. of the total, South Australia and Victoria supplying minor quantities of flour, as the appended summary denotes:—

From	Wheat. Bus.	Flour. Sks.	Equivalent in wheat bus.
New South Wales	401,993	299,840	1,462,225
Victoria	2,253	25,180	161,405
South Australia	31	47,270	226,927
Oversea	—	205	1,986
Total	404,255	290,695	1,859,543

During November Queensland imported from New South Wales 22,043 bushels wheat and 20,405 sacks flour; from Victoria, 2081 sacks flour; and from South Australia, 6327 sacks flour.

The New South Wales oversea exports of wheat and flour for the year ended November 30 last totalled approximately 7,340,528 bushels, and adding the shipments to Queensland as above it gives a total of 8,869,753 bushels. The New South Wales surplus over requirements last season was roughly calculated at 10 million bushels, but it is extremely doubtful if a million bushels wheat were carried forward at the beginning of this month, as the wheat stacked on the railways did not total 350,000 bushels.

ABOUT TINPLATES.

As Australia is a large user of tinplates—288,000 boxes, valued at £215,000, were imported during the year in which all but 89 boxes (which came from Germany) were manufactured in England—the following particulars regarding the industry should be of interest. It will be noted that in their manufacture the proportion of tin utilised is very much smaller than perhaps the great majority of people realise:—

South Wales last year produced 12,886,000cwt. of tinterne, and black plates, valued at £7,892,000. Of this amount it is estimated that 42,388,000cwt. of iron ore, 268,000 tons of coal, 115,000 tons of tin, 4292,000 of coal; £1,421,000 on direct wages, £174,000 on wood boxes; £94,000 on vitriol; and £56,000 on palm oil—these being the chief items of cost while £1,000,000 in wages were directly employed in the trade. The chief use to which tinplates are put today is that of casing petroleum, and it is estimated that over 70 per cent. of the total British exports of 7,000,000cwt. in 1905, 2,300,000cwt. were used for this purpose. Other uses to which they are put are the manufacture of dairy utensils and the canning of foods, such as fruits, meats, sardines, milk and the United States, mutton and fruit in Australia, fruit in California, oysters and lobsters on the American continent, sardines and peas and other vegetables in France, Spain, Italy and Portugal, pineapples in Mauritius and Singapore, milk in Switzerland, and many other articles. In addition, it is well known that the economical packing of foodstuffs has led to tinplates being more largely used for an increasing variety of purposes, such as the packing of biscuits, cakes, tobaccos, sweets, etc.

BREADSTUFFS.

Supplies of old wheat are now practically exhausted, the stocks still lying at different country railway stations comprising small parcels which has been sold to millers during the last few weeks. Four hundred bags were sold yesterday at 3s 2d Darling Harbour, in new wheat good purchasers were reported at 3s 2½d, but sellers generally ordinary delivery. Several lots which had arrived at Darling Harbour or were on their way down were placed at 3d to 3d advance; but as the latter strongly objected yesterday to offer more than 2s 10½d for wheat delivering next week, or later, as supplies are now coming to hand freely.

The Murrumbidgee Rlv is expected to finish loading at Darling Island to-morrow. There were about 150 trucks wheat waiting for her yesterday morning. Her cargo will probably total about 47,000 bags. The Victoria has commenced to take in wheat, and a couple of steamers were loading several hundred tons yesterday for Brisbane. The Australia is to be sent over to the Island to load, and all other vessels in port are the Dalrymple, Inverness, and Swanhilda.

Fourteen chartered ships have not arrived yet. In Melbourne 11 vessels are in port with six to arrive; in South Australian ports there are 12 ships with 20 to arrive; and 14 ships have been chartered with optional ports. This brings the new season's grain fleet up to 86 bottoms.

Flour was quiet at 47 5s to 47 10s or fifty makes of odd, and at £7 for country milled old, with new season's parcels offered at £6 12s 6d to £6 15s per ton.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 3392 tons wheat, and 144 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

The Wheat Stacks.—The wheat stacked on railway premises last Saturday totalled 42,151 bags, compared with 40,021 bags a week before. The wheat was stored as follows:—Lord's Siding, 1 bag; Bents, 2; Brocklesby, 598; Balldale, 270, Corowa, 600, Germanton 1230, Old Junee, 983, Berrigan 14,027, Finley 380, Wellington 200, Wellington (outside fence) 3378, Narrandera 1000, Narrandera (outside fence) 5000, Nevertire (outside fence) 200, Parkes 3350, Regan Gate 700, Manilla 1200, and Darling Island 4596 bags.

Country Wheat Loadings.—The wheat loaded inland last week showed a big increase on that tracked in the preceding week, although the effect of the lateness of the harvest is well illustrated by the following comparisons:—

	Last week. Bags.	Two weeks. Bags.	A year. Bags.
Southern	20,975	41,400	47,615
Western	41,910	17,224	35,575
Northern	30,333	17,210	23,315
Total	93,217	56,132	128,535

The principal loadings last week were:—

	Bags.
Southern—Stockinbingal 1933, Young 2007, Gidgee Long 1847, Henty 1516, Germanton 1857, Old Junee 2007, Berrigan 9893, Finley 1378.	
Western—Parkes 1000, Marrybale 3641, Gunedah 5497, Murrumbidgerie 9800, Dubbo 4450, Gilgandra 1825, Narromine 4149, Parkes 2501, Regan Gate 3279, Woolshook 1350, Cowra 1961.	
Northern—Tamworth 1000, Attunga 1849, Manilla 2274, Curlewis 3044, Gunnedah 1933, Boggabri 4429, Baan Baa 1080 bags.	

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Trade was almost at a standstill. No sales of any consequence were noted.

Sugar.—Advices from Mauritius, dated November 2, state that the C.S.R. landed 567 tons sugar for Melbourne on October 31. There were no other shipments for Australia.

Groceries.—A few small distributing orders were despatched, but market business was non-existent. Currants remained firm at 5½d, and dates at 3¼ for good quality fruit. Tref. sardines in quarters were strongly held for 4s 6d to 4s 7½d, and 2s 6d for halves. Ordinary quarters were worth 2s 4½d to 2s 6d, and halves 4s to 4s 3d. Remaining stocks of tinned fruits were being pushed. Taylor's or Jones's canned fruits were quoted at 7s 6d, pears at 6s 6d to 9s, apricots 8s, and peaches 9s 6d, with good pineapples 5s 6d per dozen. In evaporated fruit, American apples were available at 5½d. American peaches, which were very scarce, at 1s, and local apricots, 8 grade, at 11d per lb.

Metals.—Between 25 and 30 tons German black fencing wire were sent out on the basis of £9 for No. 8 and £9 10s for No. 10. Several lots of American were also sold to the country at £9 10s for No. 8 and £10 for No. 10. Prices were very firm, with some inclination to hold for still selling to the relatively higher rates ruling on the other side. A further rise was cabled from Hamburg in both black and galvanised, the message adding that the market continued very strong. Local quotations for galvanised wire yesterday were:—German, No. 8 £10 10s to £10 12s 6d, No. 10 £11 7s 6d; American No. 8 £11 and No. 10 £11 10s to £11 12s. Iowa bath was worth £14 10s to £14 15s for 12 gauge, and £1 more for 14 gauge. A mail advice of November 24 reports that the active demolition of the German wire market had been accentuated by the heavy calls for the export trade. It seemed extremely probable that the German Rolled-wire Works Union would shortly raise prices by at least 8m for the second quarter of 1907, although such a step would not meet with general approval, as, in the opinion of many, such a decided advance would not be advisable while the market was still unsettled. Business in thick and thin sheets was also good, large orders for the latter having been booked from home consumers, which would keep the works busy until well into next year.

Advance for Galvanised Sheets.—The London "Ironmonger" of November 24, states:—The demand for galvanised sheets continues simply phenomenal, and the wonder is how it is kept up. There are no signs whatever that any restriction in demand is impending, for inquiries are coming forward quite as freely as ever from all parts of the world, and for large quantities. Some of the leading producers are now taking as much as £14 a ton, and at the meeting of the Associated Makers, which was held in London on the 21st inst., it was decided to advance the minimum from £13 15s to £13 18s, which, however, still leaves the official quotation below the price at which even the cheapest sellers are willing to book fresh business. Most makers ask from £13 10s to £14 for 24-gauges corrugated descriptions in bundles f.o.b.

Oils.—Linseed oil was unchanged at 3s 1d to 3s 1½d for B. and S.'s raw and 3s 3d to 3s 3½d for boiled. Castor oil was quiet at 3s 6d to 3s 7d, and China oil very scarce at 2s 1d. Champion's white lead was firm at £31 10s for cwt. kegs and at £32 10s for qrs., with Fergusson's £1 per ton less.

Jute.—The arrival of the Uganda with 2250 bales cornsacks, is to be followed by the Hymettus with 2450 bales on Monday, has further depressed a weakening market. Buyers could have bought parcels yesterday at 7s, and for lots of a few bales business was gladly accepted at 7s 1d and 7s 1½d. Holders have been puzzled at the comparatively poor demand for the country, but the following extract from a special report on the Western wheat crops published in the "On the Land" column partially explains the problem:—"While on the subject of bags, it is interesting to notice the very large proportion of second-hand stuff which the higher prices have forced into use. The stacks everywhere building at the railway stations have not the light, bright colours of the seasons when prices are more reasonable, and one is not surprised to learn that three-quarters of the wheat around Wellington will be marketed in the old covers. The difference between 7s or 7s 3d and 9d is considerable on a large crop, for the farmer also gains in the increased quantity he gets into the second-hand article. But the air is full of protests from the millers and shippers, and growers are told that this is the last season such bags will be tolerated. They have often heard the story before." A little business was done in woolpacks for Queensland. Quotations were 2s 6d to 2s 6½d. Fast-ends were scarce.

Jute Speculators Caught.—A private letter received from Calcutta yesterday stated that at the end of November a most extraordinary rise in the price of jute caused the mills to put up their rates. Some speculators had been badly caught, and it was rumoured in the market that a large shipper was in difficulties. It was not easy to ascertain how much truth there was in the rumour, but, judging from the wildly speculative transactions entered into by certain shippers in their business with the United States a failure would not cause any great surprise.

Age of French Spirit.—The following copy of a form of certificate, which has been submitted to and approved of by the Commissioners of Customs, has been accepted by the Comptroller-General of Customs, and he suggests that interested importers here should obtain similar certificates. The certificate is signed by the distillers, attested by the local Mayor, and the official municipal stamp affixed:—"Certificate. We, the undersigned, (Christian name) (Surname), (Address), (Profession), do hereby certify that the cognac brandy, specified under and shipped on the ..... day of ..... per ..... from ..... to ..... has matured at least ..... years in wood, before shipment. Marks. Nos. (Sgd.) ..... Distillers—Je le Soucigne ..... adjoint au Maire de Cognac atteste que le Cognac brandy specifie ci-dessus est reste deux ans en fut. Le Maire de Cognac. Municipal stamp. (Sgd.) .....

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £13,106.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 5539 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The volume of trade this week was not great, only small quantities of breadstuffs changing hands owing to the holidays, but prices generally remain the ports nominal rates. Now that the season is practically over and ships are loading at larger ports, more freely, and sales are looked for in the near future. Activity will not set in until next year.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat to-day was steady, three thousand bags were sold for early delivery at 2s 11d. January delivery was quoted at 2s 10½d to 2s 10¾d. Old flour realised £7 5s to £7 7s 6d; new, £7 2s 6d; Federal, 5d. Produce generally was dull and unchanged. Algerian oats were weak, and slightly irregular; milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d, extra prime is 9½d; feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 6¾d. Corn—Mixed bags were sold at 3s 3d to 3s 4d. Cornsacks sold up to 7s 3d. Black No. 8 fencing wire brought from £8 15s to £9. Wire netting was in fair demand, especially 42 inch by 1½ inch.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Markets to-day almonds realised 4d to 5d lb, apples 4s to 9s case, peaches 1½d to 3d lb, cherries 1d to 2½d, red currants 2d to 3d, white currants 1½d to 2½d, figs 3s to 5s half-case, green gooseberries 2s 6d to 4s 6d case, oranges 6s to 10s, lemons 6s to 8s, loquats 1d to 2d lb, peaches 6s to 10s case, cherry plums 2s to 4s, raspberries 3d to 5d lb, strawberries 6d to 1s, walnuts 6d to 9d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

After the enjoyment of a somewhat lengthy spell the produce markets of Sussex-street were again thrown open for trade yesterday morning. Business was anything but brisk, and prices were generally identical with those ruling in ante-Christmas weeks.

Nothing of importance occurred in the butter market. As before, demand was exceedingly quiet, and holders, when not able to secure 2s 5d for prime grain, were quite prepared to accept 2s 4d, but would not, under any circumstances, operate at any lower figure. Ordinary grades were applied for at 2s 3d per lb for grain. Weevily lines, however, were reported to be accumulating far beyond control, and salesmen, to effect sales, were offering at 2s 2d to 2s 2½d and 2s 3d. The cut market was devoid of activity, and late quotations were without visible movement. Previous conditions were reported concerning barley, chickens, and eggs.

The imported chaff market was unmarked by any feature worthy of special note. Stocks, if anything, were in excess of requirements, and with poor demand, holders still demanded previous levels. Local outs were represented by 30 trucks at the railway. Prime realised £3 11s 8d, medium from £3 to £3 6d, and inferior from £2 15s. Lucerne was as previously ruling. Prime dry was firm at £3, with an occasional £3 5s for special lots. At the sale 10 trucks were forward for treatment. Demand was fairly active, especially for prime, medium. Meadow at from £3 to £3 10s, while large northern bales changed hands at from £2 8s 6d to £3 8s 6d. Oaten and wheaten chaff derrick arrivals were unchanged "street." One truck of the former was submitted at auction, and found disposal at £1 16s 8d.

The potato market was lifeless at former quotes. The Carrier line reported 60 bags for sale, others finished, and tubers from that source will soon discontinue to arrive. None are expected by this morning's steamer.

Bran and pollard were moving at about late rates. The former was very firm at 8d, stocks being insufficient for the keen inquiry. Pollard seemed slightly recovered from its former relaxation.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Nominal.

Maize.—Prime dry river 2s 4d to 2s 5d, white 2s 4d to 2s 5d; weevily kinds from 2s 3½d. At auction: 2s 5½d bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5s; grey, 4s bus.

Chickenwheat.—Rejected milling, 3s 1d; prime chickfeed, 2s 11d to 3s bus. At auction: Prime chick 2s 9d, medium 2s 6d, inferior 2s 3d bus.

Millers' Purchases: Algerian, milling 2s 6d, light feed 2s to 2s 1d. New Zealand: Gartons, 2s 3d. Tasmanian: 2s 11d bus. At auction: 1s 7½d to 1s 9d bus.

Bran, 8d; pollard, 8d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local—At auction: Prime £3 11s 8d, medium £3 to £3 6s, inferior from £2 15s. Victorian: Wheaten, £4 12s to £5 5s, oaten, £4 to £4 12s 6d. Adelaide: Wheaten, extra choice £3 12s 6d to £3 15s, prime—£3 10s; other qualities from £3 ton.

Oaten Hay.—Prime, £3 10s to £4 10s ton. At auction: £1 16s 8d ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £2 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Best, £5 5s green, in large bales £3 to £3 5s, small bales £3 7s 6d to £3 10s, other qualities, £2 to £2 10s ton. At auction: Mudgee, £3 to £5 10s; Northern from £2 8s 4d to £3 8s 6d ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Clarence River: New, best £3; other qualities from in bag upwards. Hunter River: Best £2 15s, other qualities from £2 ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

No great activity prevailed in the dairy section of the trade, and recent quotations were mostly without appreciable change. Buyers were only purchasing in small parcels, required for immediate use, and displayed no inclination to speculate. In the egg department demand was entirely confined to new laid, descriptions finding but little attention. Quotations, owing to the short arrivals, firmed somewhat all-round. The Christmas demand practically cleared out all stocks of bacon, and agents immediately reported an extraordinarily firm market. Although no actual alteration occurred in prices, it was learned that several holders of special brands had obtained extra money. Hocks are expected to be augmented by arrivals.

The cheese market was over-supplied, especially in Canadian lines. Demand was a standstill for all kinds. No reduction, however, was noted in quotes. Butter was heavily stocked, but not moving at all well. Export inquiry was very dull.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Choice 9½s cwt, with 1s or 2s more for choice-flavoured brands.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5½d to 6d, bulk 5d to 5½d, special brands 6½d to 7½d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins choice extracted to 7d, good 2½d, inferior 1½d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1d to 1s 2d, bright 1s 3d to 1s 4d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d, good 5d, prime large 5½d, good 5d, inferior from 4½d, Kanuruka Cheddar, 6½d; Bodalla, 6½d; Murray, 5½d lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory flitches 7d to 7½d, middles 8d to 8½d, sides 7½d to 8d, special brands, sides 9½d, flitches 9½d, middles 9d. Hams: Prime factory 9½d, special brands 10½d, sugared 10½d to 11d, special brands to 1s 2d lb.

Eggs.—Northern River, 7d to 8d; Southern and railway, 8d to 9d; new-laid, 10d to 11d; duck eggs 4½d to 9½d doz.

POULTRY.

River.—Hens, old 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s; roosters, good 3s 2d to 3s 6d, choice 4s to 4s 6d; ducks, 3s to 3s 3d; choice local, 4s 6d to 5s; drakes, 3s to 3s 6d; turkeys, hens 6s to 8s, gobblers 9s to 11s, extra heavy 12s to 25s; geese, young 6s to 6s 6d pair.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters 3s to 4s 6d, choice 5s, very small kinds from 2s 6d, old hens 2s 6d to 3s 6d, choice 4s; ducks, English 3s 6d to 4s, choice 5s; Muscovy, 4s 6d to 5s 6d, choice 6s; drakes, Muscovy, 6s to 6s 6d, choice 9s; turkeys, hens 7s to 9s, choice 10s 6d, gobblers 12s to 20s; geese, 7s to 8s; guineafowls, 4s to 4s 6d; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d pair.

SYDNEY AUCTION SALES.

Business at the railway market seemed to be suffering, the effect of a sort of re-action from the holiday season. The offerings were large, filling all the available space. The top price for chaff was 3s 7d; medium quality moved off at from 3s to 3s 6d, while inferior cuts went as low as 2s 3d. Lucerne provided the brisk est sale, Mudgee makes bringing from 3s to 3s 6d, and Northern kinds 2s 5d to 2s 9d. Wheat was in large supply, a truck of the Manilla variety going at 3s 1d; while prime chickwheat realised 2s 9d. Oats were also plentifully forwarded, and made from 1s 7½d to 1s 9d. Bran and pollard were below the mark.

Chaff.—From Plaine, Coolamon, (4808) 2s; Leary, (1826) 3s 1d; Bowston and Boyd, Gammain, (11667) 2s 1d, (3456) 3s 1d; Brill Brothers, (16738) 3s 5d, (1941) 3s 5d (7234) 3s 5d; Moore and Reilly, (3462) 2s 9d, Dillon, Wallendbeen, (3251) 2s 9d, (9935) 2s 9d; Logan, Derain, (8309) 3s 7d; Gleeson, Mudgee, (11625) 2s 11d; Ellis, Black Springs, 2s 10d; ex Temora, (9826) 2s 10d; Lyons, Wagga, (5041) 2s 3d; Truelove, Hlabo, (3614) 3s; Furness, Goulburn, (2163) 2s 6d cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Keech, (8260) 3s 6d; Gillian, (4911) 3s 6d; Buckman, (6791) green 3s 6d, brown 3s; A. Smith, (8230) 3s 1d; T. C. and W. R. Mills, (11721) 3s 6d; Paine, (9950) 3s; Sims, Nemingha, (11034) 2s 8d; Kelly, (767) 3s 5d cwt.

Oaten Hay.—Hill and Hall, Quandong, (2831) 1s 10d, (4839) 1s 10d cwt.

Wheat.—From Stoddart, Manilla, (831) 2s 9d, ex Darling Harbour, (9255) 2s 1d; Jacobs and Guest, Bogabri, (9730) 2s 9d; ex Quirindi, (2936) 2s 9d; ex Coonamble, (4048) 2s 6½d; Davis, (7072) 2s 8d; ex Clyde, (12160) 2s 9d, (712) 2s 9d bus.

Oats.—Ex Darling Harbour, (10030) 1s 8d; Norvill, Blackinbigal, (2871) 1s 8d; O'Donnell, (447) 1s 7½d; Middleton, Lamington, (4859) 1s 8d, (1585) 1s 8d; Beveridge, Old Junee, (6686) 1s 8d; Smith, Brocklesby, (2380) part 1s 8d; Colquhoun, Balldale, (11633) 1s 8d; M'Culloch, (1308) 1s 9d bus.

Maize.—Ex Wallangarra, (5891) 2s 5½d bus.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

Business was resumed at the Bathurst-street fruit markets yesterday, when keen inquiry prevailed for the majority of lines. Late quotations, however, were not materially altered.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Common, medium 8s to 9s, choice 12s to

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PINEAPPLE BACON and HAMS.—Delicious Flavour. Ask your Grocer for it. Prescott, Limited, 326 and 328 Sussex-street.—Advt.

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thool, 7 bullocks to £10 1s, avg. £9 8s 10d, 4 heifers to £8 5s 1d; S. Kidman, Norley (Q.), 124 bullocks to £11, avg £9 2s 6d, 5 cows to £8, avg £7 17s 11d; W. L. Warby, Whitton, 3 cows to £7 8s, avg. £6 4s 7d, 2 steers at £4 12s, 2 heifers at £4 15s; Kamerukia Estate, Bega, 14 cows at £6.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—G. Porter, Forbes, 8 bilks and 5 steers to £9, avg £8 5s; executors Dr. Forbes, 8 steers to £10 6s, avg £8 15s; F. M'Alister, Wagga, 5 steers to £8, avg £6 10s 9d, 5 cows to £5 17s, avg £6 16s 7d, 2 bulls to £6, avg £5 5s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Estate A. Park, Manilla, 20 bilks £12 2s, 5 £9, 4 cows and heifers to £8 16s, avg £8 14s 9d; H. Mather, Young, 7 bilks to £8 8s, avg £8 2s 3d, 2 cows £7; Southern agents, 7 steers to £8 9s, avg £8 3s, 2 heifers to £6 16s, avg £6 8s; E. Wills, Maxwellbrook, 20 bilks to £9 13s, avg £9 2s 11d; W. H. Tindale, Rylstone, 30 bilks to £9 13s, avg £9 7s 6d; W. Pearse, Ravensworth, 37 steers to £8 14s, avg £7 11s 7d; C. J. Willyoomba and Co., Muswellbrook, 27 bilks to £9 4s, avg £8 11s 8d.

PROPERTY SALES.

Richardson and Wrench, Ltd, announce that they will sell by public auction, at their rooms, 88 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. to-day, the balance of the Clifton Gardens Estate, Chowder Bay, in one lot. This property is situated close to the Sydney Ferries' new pier. Plan may be seen at their rooms, and full particulars appear in the auction column of to-day's issue.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

NOTES.

Though the Stock Exchange is closed until January 3, there were several inquiries yesterday for investment and mining stocks. The principal inquiries were for copper mines, but in the absence of London quotations only a few transactions were recorded. There who were in town on Wednesday of sales yesterday, might have an opportunity of being present. At the appointed time there was a large muster of buyers, including exporters and dealers in mining stocks. Meat Preserving Company, Ltd. Prior to starting, there was a consultation by the agents, who resolved to postpone next Monday's sales to Thursday next, January 3, 1907, in order that further matters connected till matters in the trade assume a more settled state. The sheep comprised all descriptions, and included a very large representation of useful-quality merino wethers and ewes. There was a sprinkling of prime and odd pens of extra prime. Crossbreds were well in evidence, chiefly of good to prime quality, and the supply was not greatly in excess of requirements, the market opened to free competition, at a shade within the rates ruling on Thursday last, when 35,780 sheep and lambs were penned. Competition was keen all through, and prices weakened. In the arrangements made on Monday last to supply country butchers with their requirements, they were given "a run" on the best pens of sheep at prices realised for the same pens of sheep at yesterday's sales. Quotations:—Prime merino w 10s 6d to 2½ 6d, extra prime 10s 6d to 10s 6d; good merino w 10s 6d to 10s 6d, medium 7s 6d to 8s 6d, inferior 5s 6d to 6s; prime crossbred w 17s to 18s, extra prime 16s 6d to 20s; good xb w 14s to 15s 6d, medium xb w 12s to 13s; prime xb e 13s to 14s, extra prime 15s 6d to 16s 6d, good xb e 12s to 13s, medium 10s 6d to 11s 6d. Sales (including those by private treaty on Monday last):—

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—P. V. C. Powell, Burrawang, 100 ws, 213, 9d 3d, 54 1½ 6d, 9 e 14s 6d; M. E. Mallon, Lyndhurst, 30 xb w 18s, 54 w 15s 8d; A. Amos, Werris Creek, 46 stags 17s 9d, 21 w 17s 7d, 13 r 12s 4d; executors J. Tomsey, Bendick Murrell, 60 xb w 14s 10d, 58 12s 8d; T. B. Makeham, Gundagai, 101 w 14s 7d, 9 e 11s 6d; Raby Estate, Warren, 76 w 13s 10d, 75 12s 6d; Fairfax and Sons, Mandagery, 50 xb w 15s 6d, 50 12s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—G. Rhind, Temora, 39 xb e 13s 6d, 13 xb e 15s, 28 e and w 13s 6d; W. Russell, Berah, 37 w 13s 6d, 15 12s 6d; Executors of Dr. Randle, Mardian, 104 w 13s; E. Cole, Bredalbane, 51 xb e 15s 3d; P. Landers, Coonamble, 5 w (woolly) 10s, 70 b 13s 1d; Troy Bros., Wallendbeen, 22 xb e 14s 1d, 17 e 13s 6d, 5 e 8s 11d; Mrs. Herring, Burren, 110 w 12s 9d; Cooper, Woodstock, 34 w 12s 2d, 16 e 12s, 61 11s 6d; A. Rigley, Woodstock, 56 xb w 17s 6d; executors G. Stewart, Bowning, 95 w 14s 6d, 96 w 13s 6d; Kidman and Sons, Tarcowie, Emaling, 368 w 16s 7d, 194 17s 2d; A. D. Anderson, Moree, 783 w 13s 9d, 227 17s; executors H. C. White, Gunnedah, 555 w 17s, 53 16s, 347 12s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—J. H. Huggins, Nevertire, 4 w (woolly) 10s 1d; Thos. Cornish, Brewarrina, 356 w 17s, 71 16s 9d; Powell Bros., Barren, 115 w 17s 1d, 64 14s; inferior 11s 6d to 12s 6d; Lamb Bros., St. Aubin's, Scone, 53 xbds 15s 10d, 89 w 13s 1d, 31 xbds 12s 9d, 92 e 10s 5d; W. Ryan, Queanbeyan, 70 xb w 15s 9d, 50 12s 6d; Executors of Glasson, Blaymey, 78 w 14s 4d to 14s 5d, 253 15s 1d; Barling Bros., Manilla, 12 w 15s 7d, 40 12s 8d; E. J. Whebie, Gilgandra, 181 w 13s 7d, 88 12s 6d; Executors of W. Bundarra, 127 w 13s 6d, 17 w (wool) 14s 6d, 20 e 12s 6d; W. D. Gallagher, Bungendore, 14 w 13s, 34 e 11s 8d; Southern agents, 11 w 13s 5d, 15 12s, 74

FUNERALS.

BANNAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM P. BANNAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Jane F. R. Bannan, which will leave their residence, 26 Albert-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

COBBY.—The Friends of Mr. ROBERT COBBY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Ellen; to leave No. 8 Hill-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director, Head Office, 116 Oxford-street, Tele., 902. near Crown-street.

COBBY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COBBY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Ellen Cobby; to leave No. 8 Hill-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Belmore-road, Randwick.

COBBY.—The Friends of Miss BERTHA MOOREHEAD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER, Ellen Cobby; to leave No. 8 Hill-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington.

COWPER.—The Funeral of the late Mr. CHARLES LETHBRIDGE COWPER will leave Romaka, North Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, arriving at the Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill, at 4 o'clock. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726. Funeral Directors.

FINLAYSON.—The Funeral of the late RICHARD F. WILSON FINLAYSON will leave his late residence, 34 Brae-street, Waverley, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director, 116 Oxford-street.

GRIFFITH.—The Friends of Mrs. EMILY GRIFFITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Charles Henry; to leave his daughter's residence, Oaklands, Albert-road, Strathfield, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Independent Cemetery, Rookwood, by road. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726, etc. Funeral Directors, Sydney and Subs.

GRIFFITH.—The Friends of Mr. ERNEST CHARLES GRIFFITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved FATHER, Charles Henry; to move from his daughter's residence, Oaklands, Albert-road, Strathfield, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Independent Cemetery, Rookwood, by road. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726, etc. Funeral Directors, Sydney and Subs.

GRIFFITH.—The Friends of Mrs. E. A. HELLYER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved FATHER, Charles Henry; to move from his daughter's residence, Oaklands, Albert-road, Strathfield, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Independent Cemetery, Rookwood, by road.

GRIFFITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. PONTIFEX are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Charles Henry; to move from his daughter's residence, Oaklands, Albert-road, Strathfield, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Independent Cemetery, Rookwood, by road. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726, etc. Funeral Directors, Sydney and Subs.

LLOYD.—The Friends of Mrs. S. LLOYD, and Messrs. WILLIAM and ALLAN LLOYD, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON and BROTHER, Alfred Ernest; to leave 177 Walker-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

LLOYD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. LLOYD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, Alfred Ernest Lloyd; to leave 177 Walker-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

LLOYD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. HUMBY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, Alfred Ernest Lloyd; to leave 177 Walker-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

MUSSON.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MUSSON will leave Hawthorne, 385 Glebe-road, Glebe Point, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Tel., 726, etc. Sydney and Suburbs.

SAUNDERS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS SAUNDERS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, David Kenneth; to leave their residence, 163 Glebe-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney and Suburbs.

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